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THE MAHDI'S ALLY.

A French Spy Who Gets Secret News of English Movements.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There is official news in London to day that there is a Frenchman in the Mahdi's camp who has organized a secret service by which he obtains from the French colony in Cairo news of all Wolseley's movements and of the English doings in general. This news creates much indignation everywhere. The attitude of the French in Egypt has been hostile, but the present discovery is something that has been wholly unlooked for and is likely to provoke a diplomatic quarrel between France and England. The Frenchman in question, Oliver Paine, is 32 years old and a journalistic adventurer who was a leading character in the Commune. He was sent to New Caledonia along with other communists, but escaped with Rochefort and then went to Turkey, ostensibly as a corrsepondent, but really as an adventurer. He was at Plevna when the siege was begun and he acted as Osman Pasha's priuate secretary. After the fall of Plevna, Paine, then a prisoner, was offered by the Russians to the French embassy, but it so happened that an attache at the Embassy had known Paine in the day immediately following the Commune, and the Embassy, accordingly, delined to recognize him as a French citizen. He was, therefore, sent to a Russian prison.

After his release in due time, he returned to Paris, where he worked some years as a journalist. With great daring and on his own responsibility, it is said, he made the journey alone to the Mahdi's camp, where he had a warm reception as a French subject and sympathizer. In the present delicate state of the relations between England and France the question arising out of Paine's conduct, concerning which General Wolsely is very indignant, are likely to prove interesting and it is probable there will be an immediate revival of angry words between the newspapers of Paris and those of London.

The idea that the recently circulated stories of the Mahdi's camp and of the general disruption of his forces which reached Wolsley have been managed by Paine as a decoy scheme by which the English might be led into an unsupported advance of the camel corps across the desert from Ambukel to Shendy, is disquieting to the English mind. Wilfred Blunt has written a letter in which he says the Peace Association is certain that if the proper authority should be given, it could negotiate a safe-conduct for Gordon and the Khartoum garrison to Dongola. He says the association could also secure a general pacification of the Upper Nile region.

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A DUDE'S DISCOMFITURE.

The "Desiree" Opera Company Make Unexpected Use of a Foolish Letter.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Among the disadvantages of the position of prima donna of the light opera are the innumerable missives from masculine admirers, sometimes tender and apologetic, but often grossly impertinent. Last evening, despite the watchful care of the stage doorkeeper at Haverly's Theater, a note was delivered to Miss Lily Post, who was singing the title role in "Desiree." It read as follows.

My Dear Miss Post; I have seen your charming impersonation of Desiree, and am desirous of becoming acquainted with you, and for that purpose invite you to sup with me after the performance. I am aware that I have more cheek than brains, but I have plenty of money and am a New Yorker. I shall be seated on sixth row left, third seat from the centre aisle If you accept my invitation, when you come forward for your solo in the second act please wink with your right eye. I will have a carriage at the stage door.

Amused in spite of her vexation, at the insufferably cool impertinence of the letter, Miss Post exhibited it to various members of the company. It was resolved that the conceited New Yorker should be punished, and in as open manner as possible. So when the curtain rose on the second act and the whole company was on the stage Mr. De Wolf Hopper, who, as Pommerel, should be the first to speak, walked deliberately to the footlight with the letter in his hands, and, putting on his eyeglasses, began to count, in a manner which attracted the attention of the entire audience, until he singled out the New Yorker, who was beginning to squirm under such close scrutiny. Mr. Hopper then removed his glasses, and after once more glancing at the letter, slowly and solemly winked his right eye and pointed over his shoulder toward the back door. The audience by this time began to suspect the position of affairs, and all eyes were fixed upon the sixth row. Then Mark Smith stepped to the front and in the same manner as Mr. Hopper, winked and pointed over his shoulder, while the unlucky dude seemed trying to shrink out of sight behind his neighbors. But the end was not yet, for, as though at a conceited signal, the entire company, principals and chorus, fastened their gaze upon the now thoroughly uncomfortable young man, and each deliberately winked the right eye. This was too much for his dudeship, and rising in his seat he beat a hasty and inglorious retreat amid shouts of laughter.

ENOCH ARDEN IMPROVED.

He Returns and Elopes With the Daughter of his First Love.

AMSTERDAM (N. Y.), Dec. 10.—Twenty-three years ago Ambros Sterling, a Scotchman, occupied a position in one of the village mills. His family consisted of a wife and daughter 20 years of age, who was noted for her beauty. At the same time a young man named John Sherwin came to the village. He gained the affections of Miss Sterling, against the wishes of her parents, and eloped with her to Syracuse. There he became a professional gambler and in a few days abandoned her. She refused to return home and become a domestic in a hotel near Utica. Her parents, after fruitless efforts to discover her whereabouts, returned to their native land, where they died a few years ago. About a year after the elopement Miss Sterling was employed at Fort Plain hotel, where she met a bachelor farmer named Robert Jennings, who lived in Galaway, Saratoga County. He took her as his housekeeper, and finally married her. A daughter was born in a couple of years after the marriage. Last summer a tramp came to Jennings' house and begged shelter for the night. He proved to be John Sherwin, Mrs. Jenneings' former lover. She persuaded him to silence as to the former relations, and he was given a place to work on the farm. He gained the affections of Mrs. Jenning's daughter, a beautiful girl, 20 years of age. The two eloped a few weeks ago. The heart-broken mother confessed her early waywardness to her husband, and he, to her great joy, fully forgave her. Sherwin and his wife are now living on a farm in Delaware County.

Smokers Die Early.

(New York Sun.)

Lieutenant Greely says that of his nineteen men who perished all but one were smokers and that one was the last to die. The seven survivors were non-smoking men.

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THE COLERIDGE SCANDAL.

A Chat with the Son of the Lord Chief-Justice of England.

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 25.—Stephen Coleridge, son of the Lord Chief-Justic of England, passed through Philadelphia today to join Henry Irving in Pittsburg. He gave in an interview the family side of the recent libel suit brought by Mr. Adams, who has since married Miss Coleridge. He said his sister had always been treated as a cherished daughter, and had presided as head of the household at her father's table. She received £180 a year as pin money. "Mr. Adams," he said, "is without a shilling. He is, or was the paid Secretary of an antivivisection society to which my sister belonged, and she first ran across him in that way. My father, knowing of Mr. Adams' lack of position and ability to support a wife, very naturally tried to put a stop to the intimacy. He told Mr. Adams that he would give my sister £500 a year after her marriage. 'Is that all?' Mr. Adams asked. 'Yes,' replied my father; 'wait for six months. Try in that time, if you can earn sufficient means annually to support a wife. If you can do so, I will not endeavor to check the marriage.'"

"Mr. Adams," continued Mr. Coleridge, "did not make any effort to increase his income and before the six months' time had expired he returned to my father and demanded a large dowry, with my sister's hand. This my father refused."

"Where is your sister now?"

"In lodgings, I fancy," said Mr. Coleridge, with a little shrug of his shoulders. "She left my father's house with her own free will before the case came up in its course. Even now she receives from my father £25 per week. Why it is she advertised for pupils, or to take the part of a governess, I am unable to say, unless it was for spite."

The Oregon Short Line

Have tickets on sale to all points in the United States at the Ash street wharf, Portland, A. L. Maxwell, ticket agent. Trains leave Portland daily at 5:30 p. m. and B. Campball, general agent, No. 1 Washington street, Portland, will mail maps, time tables and guides free to any address upon application. When going to any point East this is decidedly the best line to take because rates are always the lowest going. Pullman and emigrant sleepers with free berths are hauled the entire length of the line on express trains. The route does not run through a cold country, as a glance at the map will show you. It is the only line provided with sheds as a protection against snow. There is no change of cars between Portland and Omaha or Kansas City. You have privilege of going through Denver if desired and the connections with Eastern lines number more than 20 which are all made in Union Depots, affording a more direct route to all eastern points than any other line, besides it is several hundred miles the shortest and more than a day the quickest to all points east. dw1m

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

"EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES ACT, 1884."

REGULATIONS, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 2 of the above Act, for the conveyance, storage, &c., of gunpowder and other explosive substances, are published in the British Columbia Gazette of this date, copies of which can be obtained at this office on application.

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office
27th November, 1884. no28 1m

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THAT PORTION of a notice published in the BRITISH COLUMBIA GAZETTE, and dated 23rd May, 1883, which more particularly relates to the lands set apart and reserved upon Kootenay Lake and its tributaries, is hereby rescinded, and the said reservation is cancelled.

Three months from the date hereof these lands will be open for pre-emption and purchase.

WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., 10th Dec., 1884 dec12 1m

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
22nd December, 1884.

HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR in Council, under the authority of Section 17 of the "Judicature Act, 1879," has been pleased to make the following "Rules of Court," viz:—

(1.) That a Vacation of the Supreme Court be appointed, commencing on the 24th December instant and terminating on the 6th day of January, 1885.

(2.) That during such vacation no cause shall be tried except by leave of a Judge previously obtained on summons.

(3.) That the time of such vacation shall not be reckoned in the computation of the times appointed or allowed by the "Rules of Court, 1880," for filing, amending or delivering any pleading, unless by special leave obtained from a Judge upon summons.

(4.) That any pleading delivered in such vacation, unless by previous order of a Judge obtained on summons, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the day following the end of such vacation.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

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NOTICE.

SALE OF LOTS IN OSOYOOS DIST.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LOTS into which the Government Reserve at Spallumcheen Landing has been divided, now designated Belvidere, will be offered for sale at public auction at the office of Walter Dowdney, Esq., Government Agent, Spallumcheen, at noon, on Saturday, 14th February.

WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 17th, 1884. de19

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WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B. C., 28th Nov., 1884. de6 1m

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TENDERS.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS, ENDORSED "TENDER FOR Fuel," will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to

NOON OF WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH INST.,

For supplying the Government Buildings, James Bay, and Government House with Fuel.

Tenders must state the name and quality of the Coal proposed to be supplied, and the price per ton of 2,000lbs., and the price per cord of Dry Pine Wood cut in 12-inch lengths, to be delivered promptly in such quantities and at such times as may be ordered.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Lands & Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23d Dec., 1884. de24

NOTICE

TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to Noon of

THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY NEXT,

For the Erection of a Wharf at Denman Island.

Plans and Specifications can be seen and Forms for Tender obtained at the office of the undersigned, or at the residence of Robert Swan, Esq., Denman Island.

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W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Lands & Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd Dec., 1884. de24

NOTICE.

TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

SEALED TENDERS, PROPERLY ENDORSED, will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to

Noon of Monday, 29th inst.,

For the erection and completion of a

GAOL AT NEW WESTMINSTER

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 13th, 1884. de14

PUBLIC NOTICE.

YALE DISTRICT.

SOUTH THOMPSON RIVER FERRY

SEALED TENDERS, PROPERLY ENDORSED, will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, up to noon of WEDNESDAY, 31st December next, for the right of maintaining a Ferry, for a term of five years, across the South Thompson River, at a point near the confluence of the North and South Branches of the Thompson River.

The ferry right to extend from the said confluence of the rivers a distance of two miles up the South Thompson.

Tenders are to state the capacity of the boat proposed to be used, the rent proposed to be paid to the Government, and the rate of toll to be collected for every—

Foot passenger,
Team, with waggon and driver,
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Loaded animal,
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Sheep, pig or goat,
Hundred pounds weight of freight.

With each tender must be submitted the names of two responsible parties willing to sign a bond for the sum of $500 as security for the faithful carrying out of the contract.

All officers of the Provincial Government, with their animals and freight, to pass free.

W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., 10th Nov., 1884. no14

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
19th December, 1884.

WHEREAS THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR in Council is empowered, under the "Public Schools Act, 1879," to create School Districts, in addition to those already existing, and to define the boundaries thereof, and from time to time to alter the boundaries of existing Districts; it is hereby notified that His Honor has been pleased to direct that the boundary of the Big Bar School District be altered and re-defined as follows:—

All that tract of land embraced within the circumference of a circle whose centre shall be the mouth of Big Bar Creek, and whose radius shall be a distance of twenty (20) miles from such centre.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

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"JURORS' ACT, 1883."

To the Jury Selectors for Victoria District:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO HOLD, on the 8th day of January, A.D. 1885, a Special Sittings at the Court House, James Bay, City of Victoria, for the purpose of selecting and having made up the Jury Lists of Victoria District, and for so doing let this be your warrant.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Victoria, B. C., this 22nd day of December, A. D. 1884.

[L. S.] CLEMENT F. CORNWALL,
de23 2w Lieutenant-Governor.

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VICTORIA, Sept. 22, 1884.

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Blacksmiths, 1st class		3 50	"
Drillers	2 00	2 25	"
Laborers	1 75	2 00	"
Hewers		3 00	"
Choppers	1 75	2 00	"

All outside labor ten hours per day.

All carpenters to furnish their own chest tools.

All employees find themselves bed, board and lodging.

Boarding Houses will be convenient along the line. Board, $4 per week.

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Wages will be paid monthly on the 15th of each month.

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Bridge Foremen	$3 50 to $4 "
Bridge Carpenters (1st class)	$3 50 "
do do (2d class)	$3 "
Masons	$2 50 to $3 50 "
Stonecutters	$3 to $3 50 "
Blacksmiths (1st class)	$3 50 "
do (2d class)	$3 "
Drillers	$2 to $2 25 "
Laborers	$1 75 to $2 "
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A. ONDERDONK,
mh7 General Manager.

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TIME TABLE.

ATLANTIC EXPRESS.

Leaves Victoria at	5.00 a.m
Arrives at New Tacoma at	6.00 p.m
Arrives at Portland at	8.45 a.m
Leaves Portland at	11.40 a.m.
Arrives at Walla Walla at	2.03 a.m.
Arrives at Helena, Mon., at	6.30 a.m.
Arrives at St. Paul, Minn., at	12.25 p.m.

ATLANTIC EMIGRANT TRAIN.

Leaves Portland at	8.25 a.m.

(Emigrants are carried on Express Trains between Helena and St. Paul.)

PACIFIC EXPRESS.

Leaves St. Paul at	4.05 p.m
Leaves Helena at	8.30 p.m
Leaves Walla Walla at	9.50 p.m
Arrives at Portland at	11.40 a.m
Arrives at New Tacoma at	10.45 p.m
Arrives at Victoria at	3.00 p.m

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Arrives at Portland at	4.15 p.m

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

WHEREAS JAMES JOHNSON, A SETTLER AT South Cowichan, has been SHOT AT by some person or persons unknown.

Notice is hereby given that a Reward of Two Hundred ($200) Dollars will be paid by the Government for such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the offender or offenders.

JNO ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, B.C., 11th Dec., 1884. de12 1m

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ASSESSMENT ACT.

COURT OF REVISION AND APPEAL FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF VICTORIA CITY, VICTORIA AND ESQUIMALT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COURT will sit as follows:

For the Electoral District of Victoria City—At the Legislative Hall, James' Bay, on Monday, the 15th, and Tuesday, the 16th day of December, 1884, at 11 o'clock a. m.

For the Electoral District of Victoria—At the "Royal Oak," on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1884, at 11 o'clock a. m.; and at Henry Simpson's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 10th day of December, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt—At Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, on Friday, the 12th day of December, 1884, at 12 o'clock noon

Dated at Victoria this 12th day of November, 1884.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

Daily Colonist.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 31ST, 1884.

L. P. FISHER, Advertising Agent, 21 Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, is authorised to receive advertisements for the columns of this paper.

$20 REWARD

WILL BE PAID FOR THE ARREST AND conviction of any person who may steal *The Colonist* from the door of a subscriber.

ENGLAND'S WORRIES.

There is a very sore feeling in England over the position of its foreign affairs. In all parts of the world her foreign policy has been receiving disastrous checks, and the conviction is being forced upon the government that England's virtual monopoly in the colonization of the world is at an end. Germany is the power which has been making the greatest aggressions. The publication of the German white book, containing the correspondence in regard to the Angra Pequena affair, has caused much chagrin in England, as the impression produced is that Lord Granville was snubbed by Bismarck. On top of this comes the announcement that Germany has got possession of St. Lucia, on the coast of Africa, which will enable her to keep an eye on Zululand and Transvaal. This is significant when it is remembered that the Boer delegates recently sought the support of Germany and were graciously received. From the western Pacific comes the news of further German aggressions. There this enterprising power has seized New Britain, New Ireland and the northeast of New Guinea. In the meantime Egyptian affairs are looking very dark. The prospect of the rescue of Gordon and his army is still a matter of uncertainty, and the expedition, under General Wolseley, is meeting a great many discouragements. The Russian advances on Afghanistan have by no means been discontinued, and a new danger is the threatened advance of France against the kingdom of Siam. In the midst of all these troubles, it is no wonder that the Nicaragua treaty with the United States has called forth expressions of alarm and protest. If the United States succeeds in obtaining control of the canal England will see a water-way capable of bringing her 10,000 miles nearer her Pacific colonies which in case of war could be closed against her. In the event of trouble with Russia, for instance, with whom the United States might ally themselves, the disaster which might befal England is obvious. Much dissatisfaction is felt with Lord Granville, foreign secretary It is said that he is incurably lazy, and some do not hesitate to call him incompetent. He rarely goes near the foreign office, and clerks have to take documents to his bedside to be signed. Enemies of the government assert that only Gladstone's friendship keeps him in his position. The conservative journals declare that England hasn't a friend in the world, and the prevailing mood is that of a bankrupt wearied with disaster, who is frenzied by trifles, and contemplates the beauties of suicide. Lord Granville's special visit to Gladstone at Hawarden is taken to indicate serious alarm in ministerial circles, and there is a supposition that the secretary of foreign affairs is making a fight for ministerial life. His laziness and incompetence have been known to inner political circles for years, but his high rank and Gladstone's keen friendship have kept him alive. Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, the under secretary, is not so lazy, but is quite as incompetent. He has a thin, squeaky voice, a priggish and petty manner, and is the most abject failure as a ministerial speaker in the present parliament. The English papers having now been brought, by these various occurrences, to a confession that the monopoly of England in the colonization of the world is at an end forever, and some of them, making a virtue of necessity, profess to be delighted at the prospect of having the neighborhood in all parts of the world of people so agreeable and so diffident as the Germans.

BEECHER'S TROUBLES.

He Alludes to the Disaffection Manifested by Some of his Flock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Henry Ward Beecher, after he had concluded his sermon to-day, touched upon the alleged disaffection of his congregation, owing to his action in the late campaign. He alluded to his forty years' pastorate, and said he never mixed politics with his theology in the pulpit. He said he did not know how far the trouble had spread, but only learned it from the newspapers. If there were any pewholders offended he did not know them. He had hoped the republican party, which had done so much for the nation, would get wisdom, but he was bitterly disappointed. He would have shed tears of joy if that party had put in its platform a welcome to the south, and made one of its great candidates a southern man. From convictions deep as any he had ever held he had entered the canvass, and when he went into anything he never went in by halves. He cared nothing for a life of reputation or influence, if the country might not live together in harmony. He said his congregation should have had confidence enough in him not to have taken impetuous speech-making as a special plea, and distort its application. There were mistakes and errors; he was sorry for them, and apologized. He did not want any dissatisfied person to sneak away; let him come to Beecher, face to face, and tell him he is dissatisfied and Beecher would bless him.

In relation to pew rents, he did not care if they were diminished. He had lived on a salary of $1,500 when he first became pastor, and if necessary could live upon it now. If there was a majority in the church, or a strong minority, who no longer wanted him, he would go. If a great majority wished him to stay he would die with them, and nothing would drive him away. If he stayed the congregation would have to receive him, not on a pitchfork, but in the palms of their hands.

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Special zest was lent to the recent Thanksgiving celebrations of twin brothers who had married twin sisters and observed their golden weddings at Arcadia, Ind., on that day. The principals were Isaac Martz and wife and Moses Martz and wife. The venerable grooms are twin brothers and the brides twin sisters. The former were born in Piqua, O., May 27, 1812, and Lavina and Tabitha McCormick, the brides in Fayette county, Ind., February 27, 1816. The double wedding was had November 27, 1834. The father of the brides lived near the intersection of the old National road at White river, and he boarded the Commissioners while they surveyed and laid out the present city of Indianapolis. In 1837 the Martz families removed to Fayette county. Afterwards they lived in Indianapolis, but finally settled in Arcadia. The birthday and marriage anniversaries fell upon the 27th, although in different months, and each family had twelve children—seven boys and five girls. The first children of each were born within four days of each other (both sons), and there is but five days difference in the ages of the youngest. The youngest son of Isaac Martz is Rev. C. M. Martz, pastor of the Sixth Christian Church in Indianapolis, and the eldest is also a minister, now living in Kokomo. Among the number of guests there was only on, M. B. Pentacoast of Indianapolis, who witnessed the bridal ceremony of fifty years ago.

"Mrs. Sharon."

(San Francisco Call, Dec 25.)

Handsome Persian curtains separated the room in Mrs. Sharon's abode at the corner of Larkin street and Golden Gate avenue, and Mrs. Sharon was found yesterday afternoon in this parlor seated in a dark blue plush rocking chair. She was attired in a shrimp pink satin wrapper of a very elegant pattern; straps of the same colored satin secured the bodice, while the skirt was one series of box plaits. "I'm so happy," she said; "I feel just like a young kitten that has been brought into the house and set before the fire."

Continuing, she said: "The poor, dear old 'Sen.,' I'm sorry I beat the old man, for I love him still; he's a dear, sweet old fellow." Mrs. Sharon said further that only for the principle of the thing she would have compromised long ago, but that it was "not his money she was after, but his name."

"I married that man," she said, "fully believing that he would act fairly. The marriage was on the quiet, but was only so done at his request, as he thought it would scandalize his relatives, in particular Flora Sharon, or Lady Hesketh.

"I'm awfully glad I won," she reiterated, "for its sets me right before the public and vindicates my honor. His money I cared not for, and if you will remember I made a proposition in court one day to compromise the matter and relinquish all claim to the estate if he would only acknowledge that I was his wife. I'm glad now that he did not accept this proposition, as the court has decided that I am his wife."

THE "SEN." INDIGNANT.

Senator Sharon was found in his apartments at the Palace hotel. He was closeted with his attorneys, but granted the reporter an interview. "I think the decision is an outrage upon public justice," he said. A further talk with the statesman disclosed, according to his statement, that he looked upon the woman as an adventuress, and treated her accordingly. "I will," said Nevada's ex-senator, "pursue her to the end of the earth, and in particular, I intend to prosecute the suit in the United States court. The decision as rendered by Judge Sullivan I'm sure will be reversed by the appellate court."

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THE IRON BARQUE **MOLTKE,** 828 reg. 3 3 L 1, 1, will sail from Liverpool on or about the 4th February. For freight apply to H. C. BEETON & CO., London. R. C. JANION & CO., Liverpool. de31 1m

LOST

A LARGE BLACK NEWFOUNDLAND DOG, about ten months old, answering to the name of "BRUNO." A suitable reward will be paid on returning the same to J. A. SAYWARD, Rock Bay Sawmill. de31tf

CARD OF THANKS.

THE UNDERSIGNED RETURNS HIS SINCERE thanks to the Fire Department for saving his own and daughter's property, and to the neighbors who so promptly assisted in carrying the furniture to a place of safety while the house was on fire this afternoon. T. W. PIERRE
Victoria, Dec. 29th, 1884. de30

CARD OF THANKS.

THE BELMONT B. & S. & T. CO. DESIRE TO return their thanks to the officers and members of the Fire Department and the citizens generally for their prompt and energetic action in saving their establishment from destruction on Sunday night.
Victoria, Dec 29th, 1884 de30

JOHNSON STREET WARD.

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In JOHNSON STREET WARD.
de30td W. A. ROBERTSON.

JAMES BAY WARD.

AT THE SOLICITATION OF NUMEROUS RATEpayers, I submit my name as a
CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN
For James Bay Ward, and will take an early opportunity of expressing my views.
de30td GEO. POWELL.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

TAX-PAYERS

ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY QUALIFY THEMSELVES TO VOTE AT THE ENSUING ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS BY PAYING ALL RATES AND TAXES DUE BY THEM BEFORE 4 O'CLOCK P. M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE 31ST INSTANT.

THOS. RUSSELL,
COLLECTOR.

City Hall, Victoria, 29th Dec., 1884. de30

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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Intending shippers are requested to make arrangements for freight as early as possible so that room may be reserved for their shipments.

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Parties having accounts against the said firm will please present them at once

All accounts not paid before the first day of February next will be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

All communications to be addressed to me at Yale, B.C. W. B. GLADWIN,
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Spence's Bridge, B.C., Dec. 20th, 1884. de27 1m

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APPLICAtion will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at the next session thereof, for an Act to Incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, managing and maintaining Waterworks for the City of Nanaimo, and for the purposes thereof granting to the said Company the privilege of taking water from the Nanaimo River, at a point known as "Starkee's Falls," with power to the said Company to build flumes, aqueducts, lay pipes, erect dams, acquire lands and do all other acts and things necessary for the purposes aforesaid.
S. PERRY MILLS,
Solicitor for Applicants.
Dated the 18th Dec., 1884. de21

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 18th December, 1884.

THE PUBLIC OFFICES OF THE PROVINCIAL Government will be closed from Thursday the 25th to Saturday the 27th inst., inclusive, and from Thursday the 1st to Saturday the 3rd proximo, inclusive.
JNO. ROBSON,
de19 Provincial Secretary.

WE BEG TO INTIMATE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS THAT, HAVING MADE arrangements to retire from business on the 31st of this month, all accounts must be settled on or before that date.
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Victoria, B.C., 5th Dec., 1884. de6

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Dec. 30—Str Princess Louise, Nanaimo
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend

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Dec. 30—Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str Princess Louise, Nanaimo
Str Amelia, Nanaimo

CONSIGNEES.

Per str NORTH PACIFIC from Puget Sound—Delaney & Co, E B Marvin, J Abrams, Hudson Bay Co, A Ofner, W Heathorn.

PASSENGERS.

Per str NORTH PACIFIC, from Puget Sound—W Brown, Miss Pooley, J Williams, P Sims, Capt Logan, R Angel, B Wilson, J Enthour, D N Smith, A L Preble, R Bain, N Wright and wf, J Pritchee, 2 Indians, 5 Chinese.

Per str PRINCESS LOUISE, fm Nanaimo—Alexander, Mrs Alexander, A Walters, Bartlett, J Hunter Tai Chong, Blackbourne, Sampson, Roycroft, Kenan, Graham, Watson, M Cafferty, McKay, Coombs, McKenny, Josephs, Conrad, Kelly, Martin, Delany, Morgan, Callingham, Jas Duffy, McMartin, Streaton, Meiggs, Sutherland, Hope, Campbell, Ross, Collins and 60 others.

Per str AMELIA, from Nanaimo—J Smith, Taylor, A Love, Bellshoy, J Dunn, Danks, Father Donkele, Rev Wood, Hartley, Aitkin, J Dignen, Limboy, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Brown, Glendenning, Mrs Fuller, Bonsell, Perry, Marriner, Akerman, Father Rondeau, Newbiggan and wf, D D Moses and many others.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

G. BYRNES will sell at 11 o'clock, at salesrooms, Furniture, etc.

Letters Detained for Postage at Victoria P. O.

DECEMBER 30, 1884.

D. Cartnoll, Esquimalt
M. Chapman, Modesta, Cal.
Miss G. Parker, New Westminster
Mrs. M. Locke, Walla Walla
Rev. D. Borlock, Kamloops
Dr. R. F. Winchester, Santa Barbara, Cal.
Wm. Rickard, (2) Santa Clara, Cal.
Mrs. T. Postans, Ancaster, Ont.
Hop Tai Wo, Portland
Mrs. J. Fulton, Shabane, Ont.
Mrs. D. Davidson, New Westminster
Miss Wake, Esquimalt
G. E. W. Smith, City
John Behn, Baker City, Or.
A. Ellingson, New House, Minn.
Benj. Dixon, Tacoma
R. D. Creed, New Whatcom
Mrs. C. N. Young, Departure Bay
Mrs. Marriner, Cowichan
Halstead House, New Tacoma
Master F. Foster, Clinton
James Alexander, S. Saanich

The Colonist's Special New Year's Edition.

An edition of 7,000 copies of *The Colonist* will be printed on New Year's morning. The paper will be double the size of that usually furnished. It will contain valuable statistics which mark the steady progress of town and country; returns of the mines, immigration, agriculture and building items, interviews with leading wholesalers, manufacturers, real-estate men and others, tabulated statements of the imports and exports for the past and previous 11 years, and many other articles of value and importance. Copies may be had at *The Colonist* office between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock on the morning of publication and on subsequent days.

An Alarming Sleigh Accident—Three Ladies Injured.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. James Reid, M. P., in a sleigh drawn by two spirited horses, started from the residence of Mr. Baker, M. P., James Bay. In the sleigh, besides Mr. Reid, were Mrs. E. C. Baker, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Blaiklock. The party had scarcely proceeded 50 yards when the horses evinced a desire to take charge of the turnout, and started at a frightful rate of speed around the bend of Dallas road. Mr. Reid, who is a cool and experienced driver, succeeded in keeping the horses in the middle of the road; but he found it impossible to check their mad career. The sleigh swayed from side to side and threatened to capsize. The horses by this time were maddened by the screams of the ladies and the excited shouts of the people on the sidewalks. As the sleigh was passing Mrs. Mount's residance Mrs. Blaiklock leaped out and falling on the frozen ground dislocated an ancle and sustained several severe bruises. At the corner of Menzies street Mrs. Baker jumped out and escaped with a few slight contusions and a severe shaking. The horses ran on and when nearing the bridge Mrs. Reid left the sleigh and fell upon her head and back, sustaining several severe cuts on the former and bruises on the limbs and body. About this time Mr. Reid obtained control of the animals and ran them into Mr. D. Spencer's fence, where they were secured. The ladies were subsequently conveyed to Mr. Baker's house where they received surgical attention and it was found that, although no bones are broken, their injuries are sufficiently severe to confine them to their rooms for some days. Mrs. Blaiklock, whose injuries are the most severe, was conveyed to her home last evening.

Personal.

Mr. R. Wilson Boyd, representative of the Sun Life Insurance Co., will leave on Friday for Montreal. Mr. Boyd will return to the province in about ten weeks.

Messrs. R. and A. Dunsmuir are at Departure Bay.

Fathers Jonkele and Rondeau, and Rev. A. Wood were passengers by the Amelia yesterday.

Chief Engineer Hunter of the Island railway, Supt. Roycroft and Mr. Graham were passengers by the Enterprise yesterday.

Capt. Urquhart is slowly recovering his health.

For Holiday Presents

Go to the B. C. Boot and Shoe Store, Government street. H. MANSELL. *

THE choicest and most extensive stock in Watches, Fancy Clocks, Diamond goods, Gold and Silver Jewelry and Electroplated ware has just been opened by us for the holidays. They will be sold low. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to inspect these really beautiful goods which are beyond praise. LANGE & SON. *3dp

MUNICIPAL TAXES must be paid before 6 o'clock this afternoon. Those who may be delinquent at that hour will lose their opportunity to express an opinion upon the course of the mayor and the sanitary condition of this beautiful but misgoverned town.

WE KEEP A FULL SUPPLY OF THE FOLLOWING KINDS OF INKS—WALKDER'S, ARNOLD'S, THOMAS', CARTER'S AND STEVEN'S.
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GREAT REDUCTION IN PHOTO. FRAMES, PHOTO. ALBUMS AND WRITING DESKS, 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT FOR 20 DAYS AT HIBBEN & CO.'S.

Mainland Dispatches.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

DECEMBER 29, 1884.

New Westminster—The weather continues clear and cold. Last night the thermometer went down to 1 below zero; at eight a. m. it stood at zero, and at noon it was five above. There is good sleighing.

Matsqui—At 10 a. m. thermometer six degrees above zero and one foot of snow.

Barkerville—Thirty-two degrees below zero.

Soda Creek—Thirty degrees below zero; and a prospect of being colder to-night.

Clinton—Weather has been unusually cold during the last two weeks, and generally clear. The thermometer averages 25 degrees below zero, but is 30 below now. Three inches of snow have fallen during the last five days.

Spence Bridge—Fourteen degrees below zero, clear and cold.

Lytton—Ten degrees below zero.

Savona—Twenty-five below zero and weather calm and clear.

DECEMBER 30, 1884.

Port Moody—At 4:30 a. m. the thermometer 10 above; at 10 a.m., 14 above. No sign of any ice in the harbor.

Matsqui—At 7 a.m. it was two below zero.

Hope—Clear and cold with no wind; 2 below zero.

Kamloops—Weather clear, four inches of snow. The thermometer was 30 below zero at 7 a m.

Yale—Clear and cold; 4 below zero and a strong wind.

Savona—Thirty below zero, calm and clear with very little snow on the ground.

Barkerville—Twenty-five below zero; very bright and clear.

Quesnelle—Thirty below zero.

Soda Creek—At 8 a.m. it was 33 below zero, and there are no signs of a change.

Bridge Creek—Still and calm; 30 below zero.

Clinton—Light N. W. wind blowing, but bright; 30 below zero.

Spence Bridge — Twenty-two below zero.

New Westminster—The weather is fine. At 6:30 a.m. thermometer 2 below zero. No wind.

A Mysterious Man.

Constable Sampson and two settlers of Salt Spring Island have brought down from that island a mysterious man who has been annoying the settlers by his strange actions. He first appeared on the island about four weeks ago, and in the recent bitter weather has slept in outhouses, in the woods or wherever he could find a temporary lodgment. Questioned as to his nationality and name, he says he is a Swede and that his name is John Simonson. He is a simple looking fellow enough and is evidently out of his mind, being haunted with the idea that he is about to be killed or poisoned. In August, 1883, at New Westminster, a man named Hesse was brutally murdered with an axe by another man named Anderson, who was afterwards traced up the coast as far as Alert Bay in a whaleboat well supplied with provisions and arms. After leaving Alert Bay all signs of him were lost. It is believed by some that the man now in custody is Anderson. He has more the appearance of a stalwart young sailor who has gone mad and deserted from ship. Inquiries will be set on foot to-day.

The Delayed Mail.

It is possible that an unusually large mail may be brought from the Sound to-day. If the avowed intention of the railway companies of sending the blockaded mail to San Francisco thence by steamer to Portland has been carried out, the steamer which left San Francisco on the 26th should bring a large consignment to Portland. Victoria mail by that route should reach here to-day and as it will be the accumulation of many days, the ordinary force at the postoffice will be inadequate for the distribution of it in any reasonable time. For the convenience of citizens who have for two weeks been deprived of all communication with the east, a number of assistants should be employed to expedite the sorting of the delayed mail. If its arrival is delayed some days longer, there will be still greater need for assistance at the postoffice. We trust that the authorities will not begrudge the small expenditure that it would necessitate, as it would greatly oblige the public.

The Great Snow Storm.

A dispatch from Walla Walla says:—Snow continues, as it has every day since the 14th of December. Altogether four feet has fallen, leaving thirty inches on a level. The coldest weather was four degrees below zero, and the warmest thirty above. The mountains are bare in many places, denoting that a chinook is blowing, so it is probable that the stock in the higher lands throughout the country is not suffering as in the low altitudes. This year the valleys appear to be getting the worst of it. Occasionally a warm wind gets here, but stays a very short time. A warm wind is blowing over head, without doubt. No losses of stock are reported yet. The greatest snowfall heretofore was twenty-seven inches. No trains have come up from the west yet. The one that left Portland nearly two weeks ago, it is reported, will arrive Monday. Snow in some cuts on the O. R. & N. line is forty feet deep.

Marine.

British schooner Mary Ellen, steamer G. W. Elder from Victoria and ship Richard III. from Departure Bay arrived at San Francisco Dec. 29th.

The San Francisco merchants' exchange reports that Captain James Coulter, of the British ship Star of Erin, which arrived from Acapulco, died and was buried at sea Dec. 18. Fourteen of the crew are down with malarial fever, and were sent to the hospital. The ship was bound for Portland, Oregon.

Mr. R. C. Janion has placed the iron bark Moltke, 823 tons, on the berth at Liverpool to sail on or about the 14th Feb.

SLEIGH ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon a horse attached to a sleigh in which were seated two sons of Dr. Powell, while passing along Douglas street, was kicked by another horse and ran away. The young men either fell or jumped out and were slightly bruised. The horse with the sleigh still attached continued his mad career till he reached Henley's, Beacon Hill, where he was captured, not much the worse for his wild escapade.

FOR all kinds of BOOTS and SHOES go to the B. C. Boot and Shoe Store, Government street. H. MANSELL. *

LETTER AND COPYING BOOKS AT HIBBEN & CO'S.

T. N. HIBBEN & CO. ARE AGENTS FOR SHRIVER'S CELEBRATED COPYING PRESSES.

What Some People Say.

That ratepayers should take notice that unless all their rates and taxes are paid before the close of the year they will not be entitled to vote at the forthcoming election. *

That a man has just died in New York who firmly believed that he was the devil. Doubtless by this time he has found out that it was a case of mistaken identity.

That in the house of commons the members sometimes forget themselves and make use of language neither parliamentary nor polite. During a warm debate one evening last month the members hurled such epithets as "beasts," "sea-serpents," "jackal" and "badger" at each other.

That Ferguson's is the best place for New Year's Cards in new designs.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Photo Albums; beautiful designs; very cheap.

That the art treasures of a well known Swiss collector have just been sold at Cologne. The highest prices were obtained for a roll of tapestry ($1,650) and a Venetian vase $5,600). These two lots were purchased by the vender at Thun about twenty years ago for a few francs.

That at Portland on the 18th of December, three young ladies took the vail: Misses Freese, Bow and King assuming respectively the names of Sisters Mary Columbia, Mary Encratis and Mary Florence. Two others recently took the first vows, and two the black vail.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Scrap Albums.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Toy Books.

That a two-and-a-half-year-old child was recently arraigned in a Vicksburg, Miss., court for killing a puppy. When asked if she had killed the puppy she said "Yes." The justice found her guilty and fined her $150 with the alternative of going to jail for thirty days. Her father paid the fine and took his child home.

Phillis made a pretty cake
To please her papa's palate,
Her parent put it on a stake,
And used it for a mallet.

That the Russia Cement Company, of San Francisco, manufacturers of Le Page's liquid glues, advertise their house by a pretty Christmas circular.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Fancy Stationery; something nice in Fancy Boxes.

That Ferguson's is headquarters for Books.

That railroad statistics show that if a man wants to be killed by a railroad accident he will have to travel four years before his time comes.

That when the city man who was visiting at a farm house asked the head of the family if he "had planted much hay this spring," there was such a painful silence that one could hear the sheep tick in a pasture half a mile away.

That asbestos cloth is now used in Europe for fire-proof theatrical scenery. It costs three times more than linen and six times more than cotton.

That Ferguson's is the best place for pocket and office diaries for 1885.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Photo Frames in plush and old brass.

That the recent poultry show in the Crystal Palace, London, was the largest ever held in any country. There were 5,646 hens and fowls. The hens placed in double rows represented a distance of over four miles. Poultry farming is now declared to be the most profitable department of husbandry in England.

That a Pennsylvania woman found, after her husband's death, that she was only spouse No. 2, and had no claim to a widow's share of the estate, concluded to sue for wages as nurse and housekeeper, alleging that her services were procured under false pretenses. The prospect is that she will recover more than the real widow.

That Ferguson's New Year's Cards are all new.

That Ferguson's is the place for Fire Screens; just the thing for a New Year's present to your wife.

That over 20,000 Germans are employed in London, monopolizing almost entirely the barber, tailor and waiter trades. They work for far lower wages than the English used to get, and wages in the three occupations have been lowered to the German standard. As a result there is a bitter feeling against the Germans.

That they all go to Ferguson's for nice goods, and get them at reasonable figures.

That Ferguson's is the place to get Bibles and Prayer Books at fair prices.

That there is fine skating on Rock Bay.

That the happiest man on Happy New Year's Day will be the secretary of the Gas Co. He has sold all his "Coke! Coke!" by means of a free advertisement in *The Colonist*. He will probably learn from this incident to appreciate a "live" newspaper and not again insult it by offering it the rates paid to a dead-and-live concern.

That there was a big ring about last night's moon. Was it the corporation "ring?"

That to-morrow's edition of *The Colonist* will be the largest by several thousand ever distributed by a British Columbia newspaper.

That there is a nice assortment of Xmas presents at H. Short's. *

THAT FINE OLD BURTON AND EDINBURGH ALES IS ON DRAUGHT AT THE OCCIDENTAL

That "Pa, how funny this looks in this paper. The printer has get the words all mixed up, so there is no sense to it." "No, no, my child—that is a new poem by Tennyson."

That "No," said an old maid, "I don't miss a husband very much. I have trained my dog to growl every time I feed him, and I have just bought a clothing-store dummy that I can scold when I feel like it."

That the reason women as a class don't smoke is because they can't keep their mouths shut long enough to prevent a cigar from going out.

THAT HALL the stationer at New Westminster is ready to supply promptly any newspaper and magazine published on this continent or in United Kingdom. His book store is well supplied with choice selections from the works of ancient and modern writers. Books imported direct from the publishers at their prices. New Year's cards from London at manufacturers prices. tj*

That it is an acknowledged fact, the finest Wines, Brandies and Scotch Whiskies at Boyd's. *

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION and the Y. W. C. T. U. will receive calls at Temperance Hall on New Year's day from 11 a. m. until 3 p. m. A mass meeting will be held in the evening at the same place, commencing at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

LEAP YEAR DANCE—At Pavilion Skating Rink Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st, 1884.—Gentlemen holding Invitations for the above dance can secure tickets at Frank Campbell's and at T. N. Hibben's. The ladies are not giving the dance; but will take the floor till 12 o'clock. Tickets $1.50. Not transferrable. *

THE sleighing is simply magnificent.

Supreme Court.

On Hing vs. Pemberton.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

Dec. 24, 1884.

In this case the plaintiff applied for a *certiorari* with a view to quashing a conviction for that he had "unlawfully altered a wooden building within the fire limits of the city of Victoria, to wit, on Government street, without the written permission of the inspector of buildings, approved by a majority of the fire wardens, contrary to the form of bylaw in that case made and provided;" and whereby he was adjudged "to pay a fine of $50 within one week;" in default, distress; in default of distress, one month's imprisonment.

Several grounds were relied on for quashing the conviction. It was said than no evidence was adduced to show what the fire limits were, or that the altered house was within those limits; that the magistrate could not take judicial cognizance of the extent of those limits, and that the bylaw defining them ought to have been proved. And there is little doubt but that this is true. But the objection would rather seem proper ground for appeal, than upon *certiorari*. Upon this application I have only to consider whether there is a valid conviction on its face. The first objection was that against the validity of the building bylaw under which the conviction was had. That bylaw, No. 98 (which was produced and proved before the magistrate) by section 23 provides that "no wooden building within the fire limits shall be altered without the written permission of the inspector and majority of the fire wardens" previously obtained. This provision was defended as being authorized by the municipalities act, 1881, c. 16, s. 104, subs. 78, which empowers the municipality to make bylaws (inter alia) "To regulate the erection of wooden buildings, notwithstanding any act or law in force in the province" and subsection 58, "The prevention of fires." The applicant contends that this statute does not authorize any bylaw respecting alterations of existing buildings but only bylaws respecting new erections. And upon this, the only point of general interest, we are not left without authority. Both the statute and the bylaw are very similar in effect to a statute and bylaw in Ontario relating to similar matters, which have been considered and decided on in the case of R. vs. Howard (4 Ont. Rep., p. 377.) There the statute authorized a municipality to make bylaws against fires, and "for regulating the erection of wooden buildings and preventing the erection of wooden buildings or additions thereto and wooden fences" in specified parts of the city. A bylaw was made, under that supposed authority, ordering that all roofs of shingle should have the shingles laid in half an inch of mortar. The defendant, the owner of a wooden house of several years' standing, proceeded to re-shingle it without mortar; and being convicted of a breach of the bylaw, the conviction was quashed, for that the statute only authorized the passing of a bylaw to regulate new erections, and did not authorize a bylaw to interfere with existing wooden buildings; that "the statute only applied to the erection, or creation as it were, of new buildings or additions thereto, or the removal and placing of a wooden building in a new locality within the fire limits." And the powers given under the statute to make bylaws "for the prevention of fires" were held not to affect the decision.

I feel quite disposed to follow the reasoning of C. J. Hagarty in that case; and this case is in many respects stronger. In addition to the grounds there adopted by the court, it is to be considered that a by-law (dealing with matters of this sort) cannot go beyond the words of the statute; and the statute here gives no power whatever to regulate alterations; so that this by-law is quite unauthorized. A by-law to be valid must be reasonable; and this by-law extends to every alteration, even to the changing of a lock on the door, without first running about to find the inspector, and procuring his assent, and then hunting up the fire-wardens and procuring the assent of a majority of them. They are not bound to give their consent, even to the most reasonable suggestions; they are armed with a wholly arbitrary power. It is unnecessary to point out the inconveniences, the partialities, the suspicions to which such a by-law might give rise. I should feel disposed to hold the by-law bad on this ground alone. If the proposed alterations were alleged, and proved, to increase the risk of a fire; if the by-law were confined to the making of any alterations having that effect, something might be said as to its reasonableness, though the other objections might remain. But (so far as it is permissible to conjecture from the depositions, which, however, I do not rely on at all for my decision) no risk from fire seems to accrue here. And part of the alterations appear to have been the replacing of decayed wood with new lumber; which on sanitary grounds, perhaps, it would be useful to make, not permissible merely, but universally compulsory. The contents of depositions, however, as has been said, are rather for appeal than for consideration on *certiorari*; but they are not out of place in considering the reasonableness, i. e., the validity, of the by-law under which the conviction was had.

But there are other grounds more peculiar to this sort of application, upon which I also think the conviction must be quashed. It is of the most obvious importance that a conviction should state the offense and the place of the offense accurately, so that the defendant can plead it if again accused of the very same offense, and on the other hand that he may not be able to plead it if accused of the like offense in another house. Again, when any money is ordered to be paid by a convicted defendant, involving distress (i. e., deprivation of his goods) and imprisonment (i. e., deprivation of his liberty) the precise sum payable, and the person to whom it is payable, should be clearly stated, so that he may preserve his goods and his person from distraint. Now, this conviction does not comply with any of these obvious requirements. It finds that the defendant unlawfully altered a wooden building "within the fire limits of the city of Victoria, to wit, on Government street." It may be suspected as a matter of fact that a great part of Government street, which is nearly a mile long, is outside of the fire limits. But with that we have nothing to do. According to Brittain vs. Kinnaird (1 Smith, L. C. 577), even if that were so, yet, if the conviction found as a fact that all Government street is within the limits, the applicant cannot dispute it. Besides, the words are after a "videlicet," and may be omitted. But whereabouts in Government street is the house? It is quite impossible to identify it. It may be anywhere in Government street. The description is not aided by the information, even if we could look at it for such a purpose. The conviction should at least state the number of the lot. Again, the conviction does not make any provision as to costs. It ought to state how these are to be dealt with; and if dealt with, then state the amount; and not only the amount but the person to whom payable, so that the defendant may know precisely how to relieve himself from his liabilities. If no particular person or application be intended, it ought to be stated that the fine and costs (if any) are to be paid and applied according to law, which the convicted defendant is presumed to know, or at least can clearly inform himself of, viz., probably as directed in sec. 89 of the Municipality Act. The conviction is also bad in this, that if the penalty be not paid, nor leviable by distress, the defendant is sentenced to one month's imprisonment absolutely, and without power of redemption; whereas the imprisonment ought to be expressed to cease on payment of the penalty and costs, according to sec. 93 of the Municipality Act, and the 11 and 12 Vic., c. 43, sec. 18.

The printed form in the schedule to the act provides for most of these points; and it is dangerous to depart from statutory forms when the offence and the conviction are mere creatures of the statute.

I think that on the ground of these substantial defects and omissions and excess of punishment as well as by reason of the invalidity of the bylaw that this conviction must be quashed.

To Love is Sweet: to be Loved Sublime.

To accomplish both you should procure some lovely articles from our establishment for the cherrished one; and we will guarantee the Effect as well as the Goods.
LANGE & SON. *

THE COWICHAN SENSATION.—Superintendent Roycroft has returned from Cowichan where, it is said, he investigated and made discoveries which place an entirely different aspect on the recent reported attempt to "murder" young Johnson. If all that is heard be true, the settlement has been unnecessarily and inexcusably alarmed.

CHINESE LABOR.—We understand that Messrs. Graham and Bush, contractors for the upper section of the Island railway, finding it impossible to secure sufficient white labor to complete their contract on time, have been reluctantly compelled to arrange with the Tai Chong Co. for a supply of Chinese labor.

THE CITY COUNCIL will meet to-night and the councillors will then take the bull (beg pardon, we mean mayor) by the horns, if he does not previously capitulate.

RECEPTION.—We are requested to state that the Lieut.-Governor will hold the usual reception at Government House on New Year's day between the hours of 2.30 and 4:30 p. m.

THE condition of Government street near the Adelphi corner is dangerous. Numerous upsets have happened in that quarter and a fatal accident may occur at any moment.

LADIES' AND GENTS' FANCY SLIPPERS, in great variety, at the B. C. Boot and Shoe Store, Government street.
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NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.—The ball at the Pavilion Rink this evening must not be forgotten by the young folks. It will be a pleasant affair.

FOR THE NORTH.—Mr. Geo. Rudge, marble cutter, ships by the next steamer for Metlakahtla and Fort Simpson, $600 worth of tombstones, consigned to various Indians in those places.

REMOVAL.—Messrs. Allsopp & Mason, real estate agents, have moved to the Galpin block, Government street.

THE Albion Iron Works have in hand a new engine for the tug Pilot. The castings are the heaviest and most massive ever made in the province.

THE Social at the Methodist Church last evening was largely attended, and the exercises were interesting and varied.

THE chief justice has set aside the conviction in the case of On Hing, for an infraction of the buildings ordinance.

FOR SAN JUAN LIME, at reduced prices, go to J. WRIGLESWORTH, grocer, corner Yates and Blanchard streets. 1m*

FINE ASSORTMENT OF NEW YEAR'S CALLING CARDS AT HIBBEN & CO.'S.

THE funeral of Mrs. Henley was largely attended yesterday.

DELAYED DISPATCHES

EUROPE.

VIENNA, Dec, 29.—The uneasy feeling in financial circles still continues with unabated force. Numerous rumors are in circulation about the instability of numerous banks and commercial houses.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—Two fresh cholera cases are reported at Toledo.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Baglays & Spencer, warehousemen, have failed, for $600,000.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—A fatal landslip occurred in the mountains near Perinia, and destroyed many houses which stood in its path, and buried forty-eight persons. Eighteen were rescued alive. It is reported that 900 persons were buried beneath a building of albunalas. Three churches at Antiquera were left in a tottering condition, and the inhabitatants encamped in the fields.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—To-day is Gladstone's seventy-fifth birthday. The occasion is being celebrated with great festivity at Hawarden. Birthday greetings reach him from all parts of the empire. The Prince of Wales sent cordial congratulations. Many Liberal bodies take advantage of the occasion to present "the grand old man" with addresses and expressions of continued confidence and profound admiration. The newspapers without distinction of party devote leading articles to a eulogy of the great statesman.

VIENNA, Dec. 29.—A severe earthquake shock was experienced in Corinthia to-day. Considerable damage was done many buildings.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—An earthquake was felt in Wales to-day, and many houses were infured.

Truninger & Co., bankers and merchants, have suspended.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—Liebknecht, member of the German reichstag, endeavoured to address a workmen's meeting in this city. He was prevented by the police and expelled.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Marquis Tseng has warned Granville that the sale to France of seven vessels of the Castle and Monarch lines, now trading between England and the Cape of Good Hope, for the purpose of transporting French troops to China, is a breach of neutrality. The English government advised the owners of the vessels that no invasion or foreign enlistment would be permitted. The semi-official denial of the purchase by the French goverament is not believed. M. Codiot, brother-in law of Rouviar, minister of commerce, had charge of the negotiations for the purchase of the vessels. L'Intransigeant charges that the transaction was a piece of official jobbery.

It is reported that Ferry has recalled Patenotre, French minister to China, and that the French consul at Tem-Tsin has been ordered to Shanghai. The latter's departure from Tien-Tsin severs French official relations with China.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Three thousand socialists held a meeting at Salle Levis to-day. A number of anarchists, who were present, wished to nominate a chairman, and met with some opposition. A hand to hand fight ensued, in which seats were used as weapons. Several persons were injured. Subsequently a resolution was adopted to call an open air meeting of unemployed working men January 15.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—Official reports show that 266 persons were killed in the provinces of Malaga and Granada by the recent earthquake. The population of Granada is still encamped in the squares, the richer classes lodging in carriages along the promenade. The facade of the cathedral was seriously damaged. Many houses were destroyed at Jimena, and a whole family were killed in the village of Cajar by a falling chimney. Over half the inhabitants of Albunucklas were killed. The town of Alhama is mostly in ruins. The province of Malaga suffered equally as much damage as Granada. Commerce is paralyzed. Two hundred houses at Alfarnetjo were damaged. The panic is subsiding. The shock was not felt in northern and northwest provinces. The government has granted $10,000 from its national calamity fund for the relief of sufferers in the province of Granada.

Later advices state that 300 lives were lost at Alhama. Seven hundred and fifty houses and a church were destroyed, and thirty persons killed. At Perinna the town hall and many houses were damaged. At Torrox the inhabitants fled, panic-stricken. It is now estimated that 600 persons were killed in the province of Malaga, including those killed at Alhama.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—An official communication to the Berlin press, referring to the report that Bismarck would visit Paris, says: "The present relations between France and Germany are of such a nature that it is unnecessary to take ostensible measures to consolidate their interests. The embassadors enjoy mutually the confidence of the two governments. Should it happen that the statesmen directing the German-French policy want a personal conference, an interview will be procured without drawing public attention to it."

CANADA.

TORONTO (Ont.) Dec. 29.—John F. Scholes has challenged Charles Mitchell to box for scientific points, with the understanding that the contest will be strictly within the limits of the law.

EASTERN STATES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The heavy fog which settled over the city yesterday is now denser than ever. The ferryboats run with difficulty, and incoming steamers do not trust themselves within the bar. Vessels of all sorts are awaiting the lifting of the fog before starting.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—The street-car drivers' strike continues, to the great inconvenience of the public, and more especially of the business men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—General Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, has submitted to the Secretary of War charges against Assistant Adjutant General Mc Keever for having made derogatory remarks concerning the management of the recent Arctic expedition. The charges relate entirely to General McKeever's alleged comment upon the course pursued by Lieutenant Greely, and no reference is made in them to what General McKeever is alleged to have said of the chief Signal Officer.

The Secretary of War has recommitted to the chief Signal Officer the charges preferred by him against Sergeant Otto Holtner of the signal service of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, and in having tampered with the private mail of Lieutenant Greely, and has given instructions to detail a court-martial for his trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Three chinamen, said to be from this city, assaulted Hong chung, a laundryman of their race in Newark last week, robbed him, cut him with a hatchet, carved him with knives, and believing him to be dead, strung him up to a rafter and left him hanging. His landlord found him, and prompt aid saved his life. From the description given by him, the police got on the track of the leader of the murderous gang and made him a prisoner last night.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 27.—A few days ago an obstruction was placed on the Queen & Crescent track, near Purvis, Mississippi. A passenger train dashed into it and it was ditched, the engineer killed, several cars wrecked and a number of passengers injured. Railroad detectives traced the deed to a merchant at Purvis, Mississippi. It was ascertained that his cattle had been killed by the train. He had appealed for damages, and failing to receive any, took this means of wrecking vengance. His son assisted him. The populace were driven to fury over the diabolical deed, and to-day at daybreak took him from jail and hanged him. He confessed the deed and exulpated his son. His name was not learned.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

CHEHALIS, W. T. Dec. 29.—William Pearson, living five miles southeast of this place, scabbed his child and himself, and persuaded his wife to attempt suicide. The child is dead. Pearson and his wife are still alive, with hopes of their recovery.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A memorial against the ratification of the Spanish-American treaty by the leading cigar manufacturers of this city, will be forwarded to Washington to-day. The memorial states that the treaty would ruin their business, sacrifice the millions of dollars invested in it, and throw seven thousands of laborers out of employment. The cigar Manufacturing' Association of the Pacific coast, has also addressed a letter to Senator Miller, protesting against the ratification.

David Nye, General Superintendent of the North Pacific Court Railway, died suddenly this moring in his office.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—James Parker Treadwell, a lawyer and capitalist, died last night. He came to California in 1852. His wealth is estimated at $5,000,000.

The weather is clear and cold. The wind is from the north. Reports from interior points state that the rain has ceased, and the weather is clear.

AFRICA.

CONFLICT IN THE CONGO COUNTRY.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28—The Independence Belge reports a serious quarrel between agents of the African International Association and French agents in the Congo territory. An armed force of the international association, commanded by Hodister, ascended the the river Mpila, to fight the natives, who had gathered to act the Dutch and German factories at Loango. The commander of the Frence flotilla stopped the expedition, arrested the Dutch agent for violation of the French territorial rights, and demanded the surrender of Hodister. Captain Elliot, chief of the international association region on the Mpila, refused to surreneder Hodister, and a conflict is impending.

Laudanum Drunkards.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

While the temperance people are busying themselves about the liquor question it would not be a bad idea for them also to give some attention to the laudanum drunkards, who are now quite numerous, and increasing with alarming rapidity. Druggists who sell the drug to these wretched creatures should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, which forbids the sale of poison except on the authority of a prescription signed by a recognized physician. Opium joints, which have of late sprung up like mushrooms, also offer for the work of temperance people, who would probably find in such labor a pleasant relief from the monotonous war which they have waged so long against the great bugaboo, rum.

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THE MUTE POSTMAN.

[Translated from Joseph Montet.]

"Bah! the peasants!" exclaimed Charles. "Have nothing to do with them. During the war they treated the Prussians better than they treated us. The sharpshooters hated them worse than they hated the plague."

"You are wrong, my good fellow," said Pierre Nerot, who was leaning against the mantel.

"Ah! you know better than I?" asked Charles.

"Yes. An occasion arose recently which proved to me that during that 'terrible year' true French hearts throbbed under the blouse as well as under the uniform."

There were eight or ten members of the circle grouped about Pierre Nerot.

"A story!" they all cried.

"Last summer," said Nerot, "I was with an old college friend, Dubreuil, who had established himself as a physician at his home in a little place in the Vosges. We had risen from the table one day and were about to go for a walk in a neighboring wood. Dubreuil had lighted his pipe and I my cigar, and we were already on the steps when the sound of footsteps made us turn our heads. There is the postman,' said my companion. 'Wait for me a second; I have a letter to give him. I left it up stairs on my bureau.' Saying this he re-entered the house.

"I looked at the new-comer. He was a young man of 26 or 27 years, apparently of a pleasant yet energetic disposition, with an open countenance and a bright glance. When he saw me he inclined his head slightly in salutation. 'Ah,' I said to myself, 'this is not a garrulous person. He does not even say good-day.' Then addressing him, I said:

"'It is hard work, is it not, running about in the warm weather?'"

"He nodded his head in assent. Ah, I thought, he does not know how to speak. The young man read my surprise in my looks. He smiled, somewhat sadly, and then, putting two fingers to his lips, he shook his head. This time I understood.

"'You are dumb, my poor fellow?' I said.

"At this moment Dubreuil returned with his letter in his hand. He had heard my question.

"'Yes,' he said, 'he is dumb, poor Jean Barrot. But that does not prevent him from performing his duties well, since he can read and write and hear all that is said to him.'

"'Then he was not born dumb as he is not deaf?'

"'No, he was not born dumb.'

"'Did he become so by accident?'

"'Accident is, perhaps, not the right word. Is it, Jean?'

"The young man smiled in an embarrassed manner. He extended his hand for the letter which Dubreuil held. The latter laughed.

"'Ah, my boy, that annoys you. You know I am going to tell your story and you do not wish to remain to hear it. Very well, I will not detain you. I will not tell it till you have gone.'

"And Dubreuil, giving him the letter, pressed his hand warmly.

"The young man saluted us, turned his back, and departed with long strides. Then Dubreuil took my arm and told me the following story, as he led me toward the wood whose verdure seemed to slumber in the white light of the August sun:

"Jean Barrot, he informed me, was 15 years old a little before the breaking out of the war. His father already old, lived with his two sons in an old house in a corner of the field. Jean was the younger of the brothers, Louis being ten years his senior. Jean being too young to fight remained at home. Louis departed with his regiment. He fought well in two or three engagements. But he also rendered other services. Knowing the country well he asked the perilous privilege of bearing dispatches across the German lines that separated the army of Metz from the rest of France. Three times already had he accomplished that dangerous journey, and old Barrot, whom his son had, without doubt, visited some dark night, was unable to hold his tongue, and told of Louis' exploits everywhere, so that the Prussians, who had held that part of the country for several months, quietly kept watch of his hut, believing that some day they would make a good capture.

"And it happened just as they had foreseen. One evening when Louis had arrived and was talking with his father in a corner of the kitchen without a light, heavy footsteps were heard outside and the door was suddenly battered with the butt end of muskets. It was too dark for the father and son to see each other's pale face, but they joined hands in the darkness and clasped each other in a convulsive embrace. The house was surrounded; they were lost.

Presently, Louis called his brother in a low voice.

"'Jean,' he said, 'come here. Try to get away and conceal that in the field.'

"He tore away a package of papers that was sewed to the inside of his shirt over his breast and handed it to the boy. The latter took the package, opened a door and disappeared.

"At the same moment the door at which the men were battering gave way and seven or eight Prussian soldiers entered with revolvers in their hands. The explanation that followed was short. Their brutal hands seized the two men by the shoulders. The spy and the father who had harbored him were there. They would be shot the next morning. In the meantime, not to lose a moment, they searched the young man, taking off his blouse and shirt. They found nothing.

"'The dispatches that you brought, where are they?' demanded the leader of the soldiers.

"'The dispatches?' replied Louise Barrot. 'I have none.'

"'What, then, was there a moment since?' said the officer, pointing to a strip of ripped cloth which had formed part of a pocket and from which the threads still hung.

"'You think that I carried papers there?'

"'I am certain of it. You must have had them there a moment ago.'

"'Well, then, since they are no longer there, look for them.'

"'Search everywhere!' cried the officer to his men.

"The soldiers obeyed, opening every drawer, overturning the furniture and examing the ashes on the hearth. They found nothing. Presently two soldiers appeared on the threshold of the door with little Jean. They had been left on guard without, and had just seen him as he was crawling behind a hedge. They pushed him before them into the circle of flickering light cast by the fuming lamp. The boy concealed his hands behind his back.

"'What is that you are hiding there?' said the officer to him in a rough voice.

"'Nothing.'

"'Show your hands then.'

"The boy exposed his hands. They were covered with dirt.

"Ah, you little rascal,' exclaimed the officer, 'it was you who concealed the papers. Where are they?"

"The boy remained silent.

"'Listen,' said the German. 'There is your father, is he not? and there is your brother?"

"Little Jean twice nodded his head.

"'Very well. If you do not tell where the papers are they will both be shot. If you tell—they shall live.'

"The boy turned his eyes toward his father.

"'Jean,' said the old man, 'listen well to what I say. Even though we die in your sight, do not speak.'

"The boy replied. 'Very well.'

"'To-morrow, then,' said the officer, with an angry gesture.

"The next morning at dawn, in the square before the mayor's office in the neighboring village, old Barrot and his son Louis stood erect, with uncovered heads, immovable and pale. Twenty steps from them stood the firing party, with their arms at rest. All about, kept back by a cordon of soldiers, were women and old men, who craned their necks in their effort to catch a glimpse of the prisoners, murmuring angrily, their lips trembling and their eyes bloodshot. Near the firing party, between two soldiers, stood little Jean, his face livid, but his head erect.

"Half an hour before the officer had led him into a room in the mayoralty, where his father and his brother were guarded, and ordered that they should be left by themselves. What did he hope from the interview? That the two men would melt before the tears of the lad. The boy wept certainly, for his eyes were red. But what had his father said? When little Jean came out the officer said:

"'Do you wish to speak now?'

"Little Jean replied that he did not. Then his father and his brother would be taken from him. They would be placed together against the wall before his eyes. Even now they were there before him awaiting death.

"There was a moment of horrible suspense. At last the officer gave a command in German and the soldiers leveled their muskets. The officer turned to the boy.

"'Do you wish to speak?' he said.

"The boy's lips did not move; but his form trembled, an expression of frightful anguish passed over his countenance and he uttered a half-stifled cry. Then he tottered.

"The officer approached him, listening for the confession which he thought would fall from his contracted lips. It was not a confession that issued from his lips, but a flow of blood.

"The officer sprang back. On his uniform on his breast just over the heart, was seen a red stain, while at his feet a shapeless thing, also red, fell on the pavement. The boy had bitten his tongue in two and had hurled part of it forth into the face of the tormentor.

"'Fire!' cried the latter, furious with rage.

"A discharge of musketry sounded like a peal of thunder, and little Jean, fainting, fell at the moment when old Barrot and his son Louis were killed.

"'And that,' said my friend Dubreuil, 'is the reason why our postman is dumb.'"

Burdette Makes a Garden.

[Brooklyn Eagle.]

I think I will make a garden. In fact, I am positive I will. To confess the whole dreadful truth, I have made one. I dig daily in the ground and inhale the wholesome gases that arise from the mangled earth and feed worms to the robins. Indeed, that is principally what I dig for, because when the worms give out the prince makes me abandon the claim and prospect in another place, and when we strike a claim that assays about 200 writhing angleworms, in all stages of amputation, to the spadeful, he compels me to follow carefully the trend of that lode in all its dips, spurs, angles and sinuosities, through all manner of aquatic indications, consisting of oyster-shells and upheavals of anhydrous silicate-bearing brickbats and agatized quartz, with traces of discarded gum shoes in the porphyritic blend. That makes pretty hard digging, and the erratic impatience of the youth makes us run largely to pocket mining, so that the lawn and the entire yard appear to have been vaccinated for an oil town, and callers who come after dark fall into more holes between the gate and the porch than they can count. But so long as the robins wax fat and kick the prince is satisfied, and I have to be. I haven't much influence with the administration. After all, what do we live for if it isn't to please the children and feed the robins?

Electric Light in China.

[North China Herald.]

A special correspondent at Foo-Chow thus describes the effect produced on the natives by an electric search light from the French flagship. "I happened to be going down to the anchorage last night in a steam launch, and just as Pagoda anchorage hove in sight the Volta, the French flagship, lit her electric search lamp and threw a blinding ray on each Chinese gunboat in turn to see if they were slyly slipping their anchors or rigging torpedoes. I steamed through the Chinese fleet while the search light was on them, and the effect was most ludicrous—the cries and antics of the men on board, who seemed to think there was something very awful in a light so strong that their eyes could not bear to look at it. It was a curious sight seen from a little distance. The night was slightly hazy, and the ray from the lamp seemed like a gigantic wedge-shaped arm thrown out by the vessel. The Volta had two torpedo-boats alongside with steam up, and all on board were moving about in an excited, restless manner."

How to Walk.

[Alfred Ayres.]

If a man would appear like a gentleman, he must walk, stand, and sit like one. In walking he should, above all, avoid everything that is unnatural or that smacks of self-consciousness. How often do we see men in the street whose every movement tells us their minds are chiefly on themselves! One throws his chest out a la dindon, while another walks with an abnormal stoop; but both delight in a kind of rolling, swaggering gait and an unnatural swing of the arms. We all know, when we see such a man, no matter what his appearance in other respects may be, that he is a person of low breeding.

Not only is a man's walk an index of his character and the grade of his culture, but it is also an index of the frame of mind he is in. There is the thoughtful walk and the thoughtless walk, the responsible walk and the careless walk, the worker's walk and the idler's walk, the ingenious walk and the insidious walk, and so on. In a word, what there is in us we all carry in essentially the same way; hence the surest way to have the carriage of gentility is to have gentility to carry.

Switzerland's Snail Industry.

[Chicago Times.]

The example of the great snail industry in Burgundy, which is acquiring greater development year by year, owing to the fine quality of the flesh of the vine leaf fed mollusk, has stimulated the Swiss to efforts in the same direction. A number of gardens, between Davos and Landquart, in the canton of Grisons, have lately been transformed by their owners into snail farms. During the summer time the children are employed to gather the snails from field and hedge and bring them to the farms, where they are placed in bushes and fed upon refuse vegetable leaves. A thick bed of sawdust surrounds each bush, and serves the double purpose of an insuperable barrier to the escape of the inhabitants and a shelter for the winter. At the approach of cold weather the snails, which have then waxed fat, bury themselves in the sawdust, and close the door of the house on their back. They are raked out, packed up in 200-weight baskets, and sent off to Italy, where, as "Burgundy snails," they sell at 18 franc to 20 francs the package.

Safety on English Railways.

Official reports show that railway travel is growing safer from year to year in England. Last year not a single passenger was killed except as the result of his own carelessness, and only 662 were injured.

MUNICIPAL.

REQUISITION.

TO R. P. RITHET, ESQ.,

SIR,—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RATEPAYERS of Victoria, having confidence in your ability and fitness for the position, request your permission to place you in nomination as Mayor for the ensuing year, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to secure your Election

John Ash	John Partridge
Redon & Hartnagel	L Goodacre
Wm Wilson	Dixie H Ross
W Heathorn	E C Neufelder
Joshua Davies	J C Bales
S J Pitts	C W R Thomson
E A McQuade	H Bornstien
William Charles	Simon Leiser
Matthew T Johnston	James Burnes
James S Raymur	John Crowther
T Lubbe	D E Campbell
Alex Munro	E Muselamp
W J Jeffree	A A Green
Robert Elder	Geo W Haynes
H Saunders	H L Jones
J D Warren	J H Todd
Jesse Brown	Joseph Wilson
E Metcalf	J Nicholles
J Gretman	R Lipsett
James Larman	Wm McKeon
H J Hartnell	H D Saunders
James Johns	Lewis Lewis
George Steitz	Jas Crawford
G W A Lange	J A T Caton
Wm G Lange	A Ofner
D Green	T H Tye
Thos Geiger	W Shears
T F Becker	B VanVolkenburgh
M W Waitt	C T Todd
H Brown	John Grant
Hy Young	W G Pinder
Jas Hutcheson	Chas E Redfern
Edward White	D M Eberts
James A Fraser	M W Tyrwhitt Drake
Francis Page	D W Higgins
P T Johnston	Thos D Nuttall
M Gallick	R Finlayson
J D Nesbitt	Jas A Graham
Edgar Marvin	A W Jones
C Morton	Robt Ward
F Adams	H F Heisterman
Alex B Gray	Henry E Croasdaile
R B Thompson	W W Malachi
Wm Wilson	W B Smallfield
J Roland Hett	J KeithWilson
W D McKillican	H Rhodes
Wm Hammond	T Allsop
A J Smith	Frank S Barnard
D R Harris	J B Matthews
T N Hibben	Henry Short
J Finlayson	H Waller
Wm Denny	A McLean
Thos Carrington	A B Francis
R Dunsmuir	Morrice Rose
Jos Hunter	A P Briggs
C E Perry	J Liddell
M G Staples	C Dawson
G H Barnes	Edwd Mallandaine
David Days	D Simpson
A K Munro	J Hawkins
Wm T Drake	J C Flett
Robt E Jackson	James Flett
Wm C Ward	Paul Strahle
Chas S Jones	J C Leask
Geo Cruickshank	M R Robbins
J Heywood	T S Styles
Geo Gillespie	W Jensen

To the Ratepayers signing above Requisition:

GENTLEMEN,—I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR your requisition to allow myself to be nominated for Mayor at the approaching election. The large number of names which represent all classes of the community had induced me to comply with the request, and in doing so I consider it to be part of my duty to express my views briefly upon the more important questions which are likely to engage the attention of the Municipal Council during the coming year.

The most important to my mind is the drainage of the city. I am strongly in favor of immediate steps being taken to accomplish this, and will advocate and support the most efficient and economical scheme which may be submitted.

I am in favor of an equitable revision of the Assessment Roll.

I consider the Electric Light as at present supplied altogether inadequate, and will further any reform in this connection, which may be considered necessary for the more efficient lighting of the city.

I will assist whatever well considered measure may be submitted for the improvement of the water supply.

If elected, I shall always endeavor to promote the best interests of the city generally.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
R. P. RITHET.

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REQUISITION.

TO MESSRS. THOMAS EARLE, JOHN BRADEN AND JOHN GRANT:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors, to serve for Yates Street Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

Simon Leiser	S J Pitts
Wm K Leighton	Wm Chrow
J H Turner	Robt Elder
R S Byrn	H Saunders
E A McQuade	J D Warren
Robt Ward	Jesse Brown
E Metcalfe	Jas L Raymur
J Gutmann	James Larman
T Lubbe	Alex Munro
H J Hartnell	John J Hart
Matthew T Johnston	W J Jeffree
D E Campbell	J Fullerton
Jas Johns	P T Johnson
John Partridge	R W Savage
John Crowther	W Heathorn
E C Neufelder	Wm Wilson
Dixi H Ross	Thos Carrington
J C Bales	C W N Thompson
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M Gallick	H F Heisterman
S D Nesbitt	H L Jones
J W Todd	Edgar Marvin
Jos Wilson	F Adams
A A Green	A B Gray
Jno Nicholles	A J Langley
R Lipsett	A Lewis
Wm McKeon	Wm Wilson
H D Saunders	H Bornstein
Lewis Lewis	Wm Crawford
Geo Steitz	A Ofner
G W A Lange	W J Goepel
D Green	T H Tye
Thos Geiger	T Baumann
T F Becker	W Shears
M W Waitt	Frank S Barnard
H Brown	Wm Andean
Hy Young, per J H	B Van Volkenburgh
Jas Hutcheson	C F Todd
Wm G Lange, jr	Edward White
Wm Denny	Jas A Fraser
E Muschamp	Jas Doughty, jr
Frank Norin	J A T Caton
Wm Charles	J Isaacs

REPLY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS WHO SIGNED THE ABOVE REQUISITION:

GENTLEMEN—A duty that all owe to the community in which they reside, induces us to comply with your request.

We will, if elected, use our endeavors to promote the best interests of the city, and also give the many important issues which will necessarily come before the Council our most earnest consideration and assistance; notably, a system of sewerage, efficient yet economical, revision of the assessment roll, so that it may be equitable, improvement of the water supply, better lighting of the city, etc., etc.

Thanking you for your expressed confidence, we are, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

THOS. EARLE,
JOHN BRADEN,
JOHN GRANT.

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Councillors Johnson St. Ward.

To Messrs. B. W. Pearse, W. McKay, Orlando Warner.

GENTLEMEN—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RATEpayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward for the ensuing year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position. Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

R Finlayson	William J Stephens
A J Langley	John Work
H L Jones	C T Penwill
T H Tye	H Brown
J H Todd	Andrew Gray
J H Turner	H Harold
Thos F Wilson	Wm Wyllie
Chas W Wilson	Thos Pearson
H F Heisterman	J Mapden
Henry Rudge	E C Sheppard
John Dooley	H A Clappezzoni
J W Griffiths	Wm Denny
W Allen	And 43 others.

REPLY.

VICTORIA, 20th Dec., 1884.

To Messrs. Finlayson, Langley, and others.

GENTLEMEN:—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVing been asked to allow ourselves to be put in nomination as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward, beg to say that we are willing to stand as Councillors for this Ward for the coming year, and if elected we pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to promote the best interests of the city.

We remain yours obediently,
B. W. PEARSE,
WILLIAM McKAY,
ORLANDO WARNER.

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NOTICE.

AN APPLICATION WILL BE MADE BY THE undersigned to the Bench of Licensing Magistrates for Victoria City, at their next meeting, for a license to sell wines, spirits, beer, &c., by retail at the Albion Hotel, Herald street, Victoria.

JOHN WILSON.

Victoria, Nov. 28th, 1884. no29 2w

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FROM VICTORIA FOR	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
Nanaimo & Intermediate Ports	7 A. M.	.....	7 A. M.	.....	7 A. M.	.....
Comox	.....	.....	7 A. M.	.....	.....	.....

FRASER RIVER ROUTE.

FROM VICTORIA FOR	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturda
Ladner's Landing, New Westminster and Pt. Hammond	.....	7 A. M.	.....	.....	7 A. M.	.....
Plumper Pass	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 A. M.	.....
Granville, Moodyville, Pt Moody	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 A. M.	.....

NOTE—Freight for Hope, Yale and Points in the Interior must be shipped via Port Hammond and Shippers are requested to mark weight on each package.

For ALERT BAY, METLAKAHTLA, FORT SIMPSON and Way Ports—Str Otter, Capt. Meyer, will leave Spratt's wharf on FRIDAY, January 2nd, at 5 p. m.

No freight will be received after 5 p.m.

JNO. IRVING, Manager. de24f

NOTICES.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I INTEND TO APPLY to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease one thousand acres of land on the east bank of the Homalko River, designated by the surveyor's stakes and lines to be seen on the ground.

WM. P. SAYWARD.

Nov. 20th, 1884. de2 1m

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED TO STORE, Ferry and

FORWARD FREIGHT TO ANY PART OF THE UPPER COUNTRY AT $5 PER TON.

Cash must in all cases be sent down to pay Railway and steamboat Charges.

T. G. KIRKPATRICK,
no16 1m Ashcroft Station

REQUISITION.

To Messrs. Robert Ward, A. J. Smith, W. D. McKillican:

GENTLEMEN:—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED Ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors to serve for James Bay Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

A McLean,	Chas E Redfern,
J B Matthews,	H Brown,
M W T Drake,	J A Fraser,
A W Jones,	Walter Shears,
W C Ward,	R Dunsmuir,
T N Hibben,	Thos Carrington,
D M Eberts,	M G Staples,
Jno Ash,	Jos Hunter,
D R Harris,	A K Munro,
W H Bone,	R E Jackson,
Wm Wilson,	G H Barns,
J Finlayson,	W G Pinder,
T Allsop,	Wm Hammond,
Chas E Jones,	Wm Pimbury,
A A Green,	H G Lewis,
P R Brown,	C E Perry,
S J Pitts,	D W Higgins,
Geo Cruickshank,	F S Barnard,
H E Croasdaile,	Geo Gillespie,
J C Flett,	M R Smith,
J Kieth Wilson,	E Mallandaine,
James Flett,	Thos Harding,
J C Welsh,	W J Pendry,
E B Irving,	Andrew Gray,
Jos Sommers,	G M Irving,
T L Irving,	P T Johnson,
Henry Young,	James Hutchinson.

TO THE RATEPAYERS SIGNING THE ABOVE REQUISITION:

GENTLEMEN:—IN REPLY TO YOUR NUMEROUSLY signed Requisition asking us to accept your nomination as Councillors for James Bay Ward, we have much pleasure in acceding to it.

There will doubtless be many important matters to engage the attention of the new council, the question of drainage being one of the most prominent among them.

We shall give our earnest attention and support, to the consideration of a well devised system of sewerage, combined with efficiency and economy.

We consider the means at present adopted for lighting the city are most inadequate, and we shall give our attention towards an improvement in this connection.

As we are of opinion that the Revenue of the city can be considerably augmented by a revision of the Assessment Roll, we shall advocate a re-adjustment of it at an early date.

The inefficient water supply in various parts of the city is, in our opinion, a matter which demands urgent attention.

If elected we shall support any measure brought forward tending to promote the good government of the city generally.

ROBT. WARD,
A. J. SMITH,
de27 W. D. McKILLICAN.

NOTICE.

REWARD.

WHEREAS SOME PERSON OR PERSONS UNknown did, on or about the month of October last, maliciously injure and destroy the hand-railings and other portions of certain Bridges on the Trunk Road between Hope and Popcum.

Notice is therefore hereby given, that a reward of one hundred dollars will be paid for such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the guilty person or persons.

WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., 26th Nov., 1884. no28 1m

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NOTICE OF CALL.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Shareholders are hereby notified that the 2nd Call of $50 per share is due and payable at the office of the company on SATURDAY, January 10th, 1885.

JNO. J. AUSTIN,
Secty and Treasurer.

Victoria Theatre Co's Office,
The Colonist Building, Government st.,
10th December, 1884. dec11 1m

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PRIVATE BILLS.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North American Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railroad, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam or Slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of Ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade or calling, or of any Joint Stock Company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act—shall require a Notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application to be published as follows:—

A notice inserted in the British Columbia Gazette and in one newspaper published in the District affected, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest District in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition.

Before any petition, praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge is presented to the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such a Bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the preceding rule, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

THORNTON FELL,
no19tf Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

[L. S.] CLEMENT F. CORNWALL.

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province, of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of December instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—Greeting.

A PROCLAMATION.

ALEX. E. B. DAVIE, Attorney-General. } WHEREAS THE MEETing of the Legislature or Parliament of the Province of British Columbia stands called for Wednesday, 24th day of December instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that, for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on MONDAY, the TWELFTH day of the month of JANUARY next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of BritishColumbia to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, the Honorable CLEMENT F. CORNWALL, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four and in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

T. ELWYN,
de7td Deputy Provincial Secretary.

PRIVATE BILLS.

NOTICE.

THE TIME LIMITED FOR RECEIVING PETItions for Private Bills will expire on the Second day of February, 1885.

THORNTON FELL,
de21 Clerk Leg. Assembly.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE of the late W. J. Stephens, trader, of Fort Wrangel, are requested to pay their indebtedness by the 15th of January next; and all those having claims against said estate must present them by that date, as the estate will then be distributed.

de14 THOS. EARLE, Executor.

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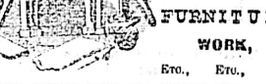

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

RESERVATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL THE vacant bottom lands subject to overflow, which are situated at the mouth of Lardo Creek, at the northern end of Kootenay Lake, containing one thousand acres, more or less, are hereby reserved until further notice.

WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 10th, 1884. de12 1m

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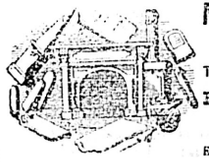

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Daily Colonist.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 1ST, 1885.

DEATHS.

In this city, on the 31st December, Peter McQuade, aged 61 years and 9 months, a native of Galway, Ireland.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, Humboldt street, at 9 o'clock SATURDAY morning, and from the R. C. Cathedral, View street, at 9:30. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

FAMILY MARKET REPORT.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, December 31.

BUTTER—Choice Island, 50c ℔ lb; Island Roll, 75c; New Grass Cal., 75c ℔ roll; White Clover, 55c.

CHEESE—Canadian, 30c. ℔lb.; Cala., 25c.; Eastern Cream, 30c; B.C., 25c.

EGGS—Fresh Island, 62½c. ℔doz.; Sound, 50c.

CORNMEAL—50c ℔sack of 10lbs.

OATMEAL—62½c ℔ sack of 10lbs.

FLOUR—Ex ra, $5 50 ℔ brl.; $1 50 ℔ sack; Super $5 ℔brl.

WHEAT—2c.℔lb.

BEANS—Lima, 8c.℔lb; Small White and Bayou, 6c.

SPLIT PEAS—12½c.℔lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, 1c; Sweet Potatoes, 6c Onions, 5c℔lb; Celery, 50c ℔doz; Carrots 2c℔lb; Rhubarb, —℔lb; Lettuce,—c. ℔dz; Cauliflower, —c℔doz; Asparagus, ——c℔lb; Radishes, 50c℔dz bunchs; Squash, 3c. ℔lb; Turnips, 1½c. ℔ lb.; Green Peas,—c ℔ lb. String Beans, ——c; Cucumbers, ——c℔doz; Cabbage, 2c ℔lb; Tomatoes,—℔lb; Green Ochra, —c℔lb; Chili Pepper, 25c℔lb; Green Corn, —c℔dz; Vegetable Marrows, 3c ℔lb.

HAMS—Home Cured, 25c. ℔lb; Chicago, 25c.; Oregon, 25c; Shoulders, 18c.

BACON—Breakfast, 22c℔lb.

LARD—25c.℔lb.

FISH—Cod, 6c. ℔ lb; Salmon 6c ℔ lb; Boneless Cod,10c; Soles, 6c; Halibut,8c Yarmouth Bloaters, 25c. ℔ doz.; Sal. Bellies, 3 for 50c; Herring 3c.; c'lounder, 6c ; Smoked Oolachans and Salmon, 25c. ; Smelt, 8c.; Sturgeon, 6c; Whiting, 7c.; Shrimp, 50c; Salt Oolachans, 6c.; Crabs, 75 cts. ℔ dozen; Smoked Herring, 12½c.℔lb; Salmon Trout, 8c; Oolachans, 8℔lb; Spanish Mackerel, —

CANNED SALMON—1lb tins, per doz., $2.

FRUIT—Lemons,50c@62½c.℔dz; Oranges,50c@62½℔dz; Limes, 37½c. ℔doz.; Apples, 3c℔lb; Cranberries, 75c ℔ gal.; Quinces, —c. ℔ lb.; Pears, 5c; Grapes,15c; Bananas,—c ℔dz; Cocoanuts, 12½c ea; Cherries, —c℔lb; Apricots, ——c.℔lb; Strawberries, —c℔lb; Gooseberries,—c℔lb; Raspberries,—c.℔lb; Plums, —c℔lb; Peaches, —c; Pineapples, —c. ea: Watermelons, —c. each; Muskmelons, —

CANDIED FRUITS—Lemon, 50c.℔lb; Mixed, 50c

CURRANTS—Zante, 15@16c℔lb.

RAISINS—English Layers, 50c ℔ lb.; Cala., 25c Sultana, Valencia and Eleme 25c.

FIGS—New, 37½@50c.℔lb.

MIXED SPICES—25c.℔tin.

STARCH—8c per 6lb box.

TEA & COFFEE—Coffee, ground, 50c. ℔ lb; green, 28c.℔lb; Tea, from 37½c. to $1 25 ℔ lb.

SUGARS—Crushed or Cube, 6lbs for $1; Granulated or No. 1, 8lbs. for $1; D or No. 2, 9lbs. for $1.

NUTS—Eng. Walnuts, 20c.℔lb; Cocoanuts, 12½.ea; Almonds—Paper Shell, 37½c.; Jordan, 75c Brazil, 37½c. Chestnuts, 37½c.

ROLLED SPICED BEEF—12½ @ 18 c. ℔ lb.; Ox Tongues75c. ea.; Smoked Tongues,$1 ea.

BEEF—Choice Cuts, 15c.℔lb; other cuts, 10@12½ Soup meat, 8c.

MUTTON—Choice Joints, 15c.℔lb; Stewing meat 8c@10c.

PORK—12½@15c.℔lb.

VEAL—15@18c.℔lb.

LAMB—$1.25 per quarter.

SAUSAGES—15@18c. ℔lb.

SUET—12½c.℔lb.

SUCKING PIGS—$2.50@3.00 ea

DUCKS—Tame, $1 25 ea.; Mallard, 62½c.℔pr; Teal 37½c.

CHICKENS—Spring Chickens, 62½c ea.

TURKEYS—35c. ℔lb

GEESE—Tame, 25c. ℔lb; Wild, $1 25 ea.

COAL OIL—$2 25℔ tin; ℔ case, $4.

OYSTERS—75c. ℔ quart; Canned, 37½c℔can.

HAY—$18 per ton.

OATS—1¾c.℔lb.

MIDDLINGS—2½c.℔lb.

BRAN—1¼c.℔lb.

GROUSE—62½@$1 ℔ pr.

VENISON—Hindqtrs, 6@8c℔lb.

KIPPERED SALMON—12½c℔lb.

THE COWICHAN SENSATION SPOILED

By the Confession of the Man Who was "Not" Fired At.

As was intimated yesterday Superintendent of Police Roycroft who returned from Cowichan the previous evening, had worked up a theory with regard to the recent reported attempt by Indians to murder a young man named James Johnson, which entirely refuted his statement of the affair. After measuring the bullet-hole in the door the superintendent searched the premises for the Spencer rifle which the young man stated had been taken from him by his assailants. It was found in the well. Convinced that the whole story was a *canard* the superintendent on his return to town had Johnson hunted up when he confessed at once that he had fired the shots for the reasons stated in the following affidavit:

STATEMENT OF JAMES JOHNSON

Who says that on Sunday the seventh day of December, 1884, I was living on Roger's ranch, at Cowichan. About 4:30 p. m. I went into the house and made a fire and made some tea; I went out and got some wood then I went to the house and got the rifle and shot four times; the third shot I placed my coat on the ground and fired at the pocket; then I hid the rifle under the fence. When I shot I shouted as loud as I could. Then I went to Peel's; he was not at home; then I went to Howie's,from thence to Brown's and to Dodd's. I told these people that I was shot at and shot through the coat. They believed me. When I went back I took the rifle and put it in the well. I also fired a shot from the rifle through the door and over the bed. The reason I did this was my stepfather, John Roston, wanted me to fix the house and split wood. He wanted it all done inside of two weeks. It would take four men to do it in that time. I thought that it was the best plan to get out of so much work and get away from him. No one told me to do this.

(Signed) JAMES JOHNSON.

Sworn before me,
GEO. MORISON, J. P.
(Witness) GEO. LANGLEY.
Victoria, Dec. 31, 1884.

Superintendent Roycroft is entitled to much credit for the manner in which he traced and exposed this most outrageous libel on the good name of Cowichan district.

The Gold Product of 1884.

The returns from the three principal fields of gold production are in and, considering the limited number of miners engaged in the industry the results are gratfying. A total output of $691,000, although small when compared with the great returns of 1862 and '63, still when taken into account with the other productions of the province is by no means to be despised. During the year just closed the yield was as follows:

Cariboo	$424,000
Lillooet	108,000
Cassiar	103,000
Kootenay	56,000
Total	$691,000

FINE ASSORTMENT OF NEW YEAR'S CALLING CARDS AT HIBBEN & CO.'S.

FIRE AT THE WELLINGTON COLLIERY,

Two Lives Probably Lost.

Efforts Made to Drown the Flames.

(Exclusive to The Colonist)

NANAIMO, Dec. 31st.

A fire broke out about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon near the foot of No. 4 shaft, South Wellington. The flames spread along the timbering and up the shaft with great rapidity, destroying part of the timbering of the shaft. When the fire was first discovered a boy named Drew, who was working below as a mule-driver, went around to the various working places and warned the several men working there to make haste out as there was fire below. Among those so warned was a man named Faull, who was working in a level 120 yards from where the fire existed. He told the boy he would come out, but he has not as yet turned up, and it is believed that he in some manner lost his way and consequently his life. A Chinaman is also said to be below, but nothing definite in regard to this can be ascertained.

In order to subdue the fire everything on top has been fastened down so as to exclude the air. Mr. Bryden, the manager, has exerted himself as well as the Messrs. Dunsmuir in seeing that every precaution is taken to prevent any further destruction of property. Mr. Dunsmuir does not believe that the coal has as yet ignited, but that the fire has been chiefly confined to the destruction of the wood work. How long the mine will remain shut up will depend on circumstances; probably three weeks at the very least.

Number three mine, which communicates with No. 4, is also sealed up. From these two mines six hundred tons of coal were the daily output. To make up for the loss of work entailed on the men Mr. Bryden intends to double the shift in North Wellington No. 5 and the Adit mines, and those men given employment who are thrown out of work by the shutting down of No. 3 and 4.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the most plausible thing is that some workmen has hung his lamp on some part of the brattice. This being covered by fine coal dust has probably ignited, and once lighted would spread with frightful rapidity, as it is as dry as matchwood.

Among the property lost are a lot of mules which were employed below in hauling cars. They were valued at $2,-500. Should the mines be shut down for any length of time it will cause a great depression in business in Nanaimo as well as at Wellington.

Mr. Dunsmuir leaves in the morning for Victoria.

The New Year Number.

The Colonist appears this morning in eight-page form, and as full of statistical and other matter as it is possible to compress into that form. The number will, we think, prove both interesting and valuable to residents as well as to those residing abroad who may contemplate visiting or settling in the province. An edition of 7,000 (guaranteed) has been struck off, and copies may be had at the publication office and bookstores. Orders should be left at the office not later than Saturday evening.

Death of Mr. Peter McQuade.

The city has again been called on to mourn the loss of another pioneer citizen —Mr. Peter McQuade—who departed this life yesterday after an illness of about two months. Mr. McQuade, who was aged 61 years and 9 months, came to the province in 1858 with his brother James (who died early in the sixties) and until his late illness was a prominent and successful merchant. His disease was ossification of the heart, and he met his death with that Christian fortitude and patience which has ever distinguished him through life. His death was sudden at last, although not unexpected. The deceased leaves a sorrowing widow, two daughters (who reside in Canada) and Messrs. E. A. and L. G. McQuade of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning.

Death of Hon. Dr. Trimble.

At three o'clock this morning Hon. Dr. Trimble, ex-mayor of Victoria and ex-speaker of the house of assembly, died at his residence on Broad street. Hon. A. C. Elliott was with him when the end came. The deceased gentleman's name is inseparably connected with the early history of the city, he having come here in 1858, and the recollection of his many good deeds will long survive him. May he rest in peace!

Marine.

Steamship Idaho arrived from Portland yesterday morning and will sail for Alaska this evening.

Steam schooner Grace will be hauled out for repairs.

Bark Germania with coal passed for San Francisco yesterday.

British ship Cambrian Prince was loading at Hull Dec. 10, for Victoria.

Swedish bark Elise sailed from Callao Nov. 18, for Victoria.

To Love is Sweet; to Be Loved Sublime.

To accomplish both you should procure some lovely articles from our establishment for the cherrished one; and we will guarantee the Effect as well as the Goods.

LANGE & SON. *

Personal.

Capt. Tatlow has resigned as private secretary to the lieut. governor with the object of going into business.

THE choicest and most extensive stock in Watches, Fancy Clocks, Diamond goods, Gold and Silver Jewelry and Electroplated ware has just been opened by us for the holidays. They will be sold low. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to inspect these really beautiful goods which are beyond praise. LANGE & SON. *3dp

What Some People Say.

That for elegance of style, beauty of finish and general superiority, we lead. Hall & Lowe, photographers. Over Victoria House, Government street.

That our esteemed morning contemporary says Mayor Carey never foresWore his allegiance to his Queen. That is one thing to his credit. Here are two others: He didn't sneak into the country under an assumed name and was never known to get DRUNK—at Ottawa. Next!

That Ferguson's is the best place for New Year's Cards in new designs. *

That Ferguson's is the best place for Photo Albums; beautiful designs; very cheap. *

That Wm. McGirr has "joined the majority" on Puget Sound. The mariners are numerous and various.

That there will be skating at Pavilion Rink this afternoon and evening. Grand time.

That our esteemed contemporary is shouting before he has emerged from the woods in the matter of the libel suit of the provincial secretary against him. It is not unlikely that he will yet have to "eat the leek" for his indiscretion.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Scrap Albums. *

That Mr. Joshua Davies has been asked to stand for the council and will probably do so; but for which ward, as he has interests in all, he has not yet decided.

That Ferguson's is the best place for Toy Boo'ks. *

That Ferguson's is the best place for Fancy Stationery; something nice in Fancy Boxes. *

That Ferguson's is headquarters for Books. *

That Ferguson's is the best place for pocket and office diaries for 1885. *

That Ferguson's is the best place for Photo Frames in plush and old brass. *

That Ferguson's New Year's Cards are all new. *

That Ferguson's is the place for Fire Screens; just the thing for a New Year's present to your wife. *

That they all go to Ferguson's for nice goods, and get them at reasonable figures. *

That Ferguson's is the place to get Bibles and Prayer Books at fair prices. *

That there is a nice assortment of Xmas presents at H. Short's. *

THAT FINE OLD BURTON AND EDINBURGH ALES IS ON DRAUGHT AT THE OCCIDENTAL

That HALL the stationer at New Westminster is ready to supply promptly any newspaper and magazine published on this continent or in United Kingdom. His book store is well supplied with choice selections from the works of ancient and modern writers. Books imported direct from the publishers at their prices. New Year's cards from London at manufacturers prices. tj*

That it is an acknowledged fact, the finest Wines, Brandies and Scotch Whiskies at Boyd's. *

A Handsome New Year's Present.

Mr. Henderson, manager of the Victoria Transfer Co., having been presented with a handsome gold chain by Mr. W. Simpson, on behalf of sixteen of the company's employés, as a token of their good will towards him, wishes to say that he feels highly grateful to the givers. He has never had a more trustworthy and willing lot of men than those at present employed by him, and admires the harmony which exists among them, and makes everything move pleasantly and smoothly. He concludes with wishing them all a Happy New Year. *

SERENADE.—Pressure of business prevented an acknowledgment of the presence of the Blue Ribbon Band in front of *The Colonist* office on Tuesday night. The music discoursed was enchanting, and the band shows a marked improvement since their last visit. One thing is certain, teetotalism is not a bar to good playing.

REAL ESTATE.—Attention is directed to the advertisement of Shannon & Co. in this issue. Mr. Shannon, the head of the firm, was connected with that sterling Portland paper the Oregonian for many years and has had unusual facilities for acquiring a knowledge of the most desirable places for investment.

EASTERN CAPITALISTS can secure Victoria and Coal Harbor property at lowest market rates by communicating with RAND & LIPSETT, Real Estate Brokers, Victoria.

THE PIONEER STREET FIRE.—The building partly destroyed by fire on Monday was insured for $400. The money supposed to have been burned with the house was found by Mr. Spotts among the ruins.

LAND SALES.—It is believed that the revenue from the sales of land by the government in 1881 will exceed the estimate by at least $100,000! This is very pleasant to contemplate.

COAL HARBOR property on easy terms and at prices ranging from $25 per lot upwards for sale by RAND & LIPSETT, Real Estate Brokers, Government street, Victoria.

THE CANNERIES.—Several canneries did not "run" the least season, and the output was only 139,000 cases, which is a light return for the capital invested.

THE celebrated Russell property which adjoins the Railway Syndicate's lands on False creek is now for sale by Rand & Lipsett, real estate brokers, Victoria, B. C. *

THE CEMETERY.—The total number of interments in 1884 was 236.

THERE were three degrees of frost at San Francisco on the 30th December.

THERE will be no *Colonist* to-morrow.

THE Yo Semite did not reach port till 4 o'clock this morning.

THE ladies of the W. C. T. U. will receive calls at Temperance Hall to-day. All will be welcomed.

WATCH NIGHT at the Methodist church was largely attended.

LECTURE.—Mr. Geo. E. Colby will lecture at Harmony Hall on Spiritualism this evening at 8 o'clock.

THE ON HING CASE.—Mr. S. Perry Mills was counsel for the appellant in this case.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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BUILDING.

Extensive Operations for the Past Year.

Some Magnificent Structures Erected.

There was never such a boom in Victoria building trade as there has been during the past year. Many of those erected are of a costly and extensive nature. Residences have been built that are of handsome appearance and artistic in detail.

The best of these is that erected by Capt. John Irving, on Michigan street, James Bry, built in Queen Anne style, two stories height, and costing about $30,000. The finishing of the building is of an elegant and complete nature,and it is without exception the handsomest residence in the city.

The late Capt. Spring also erected a handsome residence on the Dallas road, costing $9,000.

Dr. Foster, of Clinton, has put up a fine residence on Simcoe street, two stories in height, with stone foundations, at a cost of $8,000. E.B. Marvin, Esq., also built a handsome house on Fort street, at a cost of $5,000. J. McB. Smith also finished a substantial and handsome residence at a cost of $4,000. There are many others of more or less elegance which would require too much space to enumerate.

Probably the finest and costliest building that has been built during the past year is that of the Union Club house, facing on Douglas and Courtenay streets which, when fully completed, will cost from $18,000 to $20,000. It is a three story brick building, black tuck pointed, and finished with cement moulding round the windows and relieved with courses of black brick, white tuck-pointed. The basement comprises a kitchen 27 x 19 feet, servants' room, storeroom, pantry, wine cellar, laundry,etc., The ground floor, which will have a handsome entrance from Douglas street, comprises dining room 36 x 19 feet, with large bay window, sideboard recess, arched over and dumb waiter from kitchen below, steward's, strangers', secretary's, smoking and bar rooms, with lavatory, closets, &c., also a fine billiard room 45 x 35 feet, with raised dais on each side and lighted by seven skylights. The first floor will have a very homelike appearance, and will be devoted to quietness, having a reading room, writing room and four chambers, with linen closets, bath rooms, &c. The second floor will have seven chambers, and also bathrooms, closets, &c.

Messrs. Harris & Hargreaves are the architects, and the handsome building reflects great credit on their ability and judgment.

Among those erected for business of a substantial and costly nature are the C. P. N. Co's office, the Galpin block, Redfern's block, the block on Yates street above the club, Weiler's block, and many others. Chinatown has advanced in building operations until now both sides of Cormorant street are lined with brick stores, and other blocks are being arranged for.

The total building operations for the year, residential and business, will probably exceed $700,000. This is the greatest amount of money expended on building improvements in any one year of Victoria's history. The outlook for the new year is gratifying as indications seem to point to the fact that over a million dollars will be used in business and other improvements.

The religious edifices erected during the past year are the R. C. Cathedral on View street, capable of seating 900 persons, and the church of St. James, Episcopal, at present in course of construction at James' Bay.

Municipal Council.

The usual meeting of the city council was held last evening. Present—His Worship the Mayor, in the chair, Couns. Wrigleswortb, Porter, Vigelius, McKillican and W. A. Robertson.

Minutes of the previous regular and the adjourned meetings of the council were read and adopted.

Coun. W. A. Robertson said that as there was a slim attendance of councillors and as there was important business to be transacted he would move that they adjourn until Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Coun. Wrigleswortb in seconding the motion said that he had noticed in one of the morning papers that the councillors were going to take the mayor by the horns to-night. He noticed that his worship had not got them on, and would request that he bring them on Friday.

The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned.

A Presentation.

A presentation in the shape of a gold chain to which was attached a magnificent horse supposed, to be under full galop,was presented to Mr. A. Henderson, foreman of the Victoria Transfer Co.'s stables, by the carriage drivers of the same. The presentation, which was entirely unexpected by the recipient, was received with the assurance that he was held in very high esteem by those who are under his supervision. "Spider," as he is generally known, made the presentation at the request of the drivers, and offered a few well chosen words on behalf of the donors. Mr. Henderson replied that he had always tried to do to others as he would have them do to him, and he felt satisfied that they were contented with their lot, as he knew well that a hackman's life was not a happy one, but they must make the best of a bad bargain. Wishing them a happy New Year he withdrew to go and do justice to a good turkey dinner.

THE VENERATED SWALLOW-TAIL MUST GO.—"Even the ebony black and obstinately persistent swallow tailed coat threatens to pass," says the Paris correspondent of the London World, "for the gentlemen of leisure are gaining ground in their campaign in favor of color. The red coat and breeches were accepted last season in the ceremonial meetings of high society. This season variety is to be obtained by the introduction of the blue coat and brass buttons, white waistcoat and light gray trousers, and powdered hair, which latter detail will be considered *extra-elan*; and by the brown coat and brass buttons, shawl-pattern waistcoat, brown cloth breeches,gaiters fastened with a diamond buckle, and square-toed, high-heeled shoes. The black coat will be worn by the *pschutteux* only at the theatre, and in places where the uncalled-for remarks of the cards might mar the serenity of the spectacle of contemporary calves."

TURN over a new leaf and make things pleasant for the family. Go to Bagnall & Co. and buy a piano or an organ. Prices lower than ever. Terms easy. *

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New Westminster Immigration Returns.

The following are the returns from the provincial immigration office, New Westminster, for the eleven months ending November 30, 1884:

Sexes—Males, 1,751; females, 676; children, 270; total number of souls, 2,697.

Nationalities—England, 207; Scotland 176; Ireland, 66; Ontario, 542; Quebec, 49; Nova Scotia, 142; Prince Edward's Island, 33; Manitoba, 37; New Brunswick, 31; United States, 152; Germany, 25; Norway and Sweden, 14, France, 26; other countries, 64.

Trades and Occupations — Farmers, 1,020; farm servants, 54; mechanics, 34; clerks, trades, etc., 3; female servants. 15.

General Destination—Delta, 89; Surrey, 132; Langley, 184; Matsqui, 51; Sumas and Chilliwhack, 71; Richmond, 11; Burrard Inlet, 42; Maple Ridge, 112; Mission and river settlements, 791; Douglas, 13; Spallumcheen, 75; Kamloops, 25; New Westminster City, 21; Destination unknown, 80; value of settlers' effects, $3,090.

Aliens who have Taken the Declaration Oath—United States, 77; Germany, 10; Denmark, 1; Sweden, 5; Italy, 5; Norway, 4; Austria, 2; China, 1; total, 105.

"Time, the Great Confessor."

We have received the followtng strange story from a resident of Victoria, which we give without comment:

TO THE EDITOR:—Dear Sir—While out riding a few weeks ago, over a road in New Westminster district in company with an "old timer," a singular incident occurred.

One of the horses failing in his gait, we stopped to learn the cause, and were suprised to find fastened to his foot the blade of an old dagger. Showing it to my friend he instantly exclaimed, "It is the identical one. And this is the spot!"

My curiosity being aroused, I asked what he referred to, and in reply he gave this narrative:

"To my mind 'time is the great confessor.' The poet truly says, 'The evil that men do lives after them,' and here is a proof of it. On the last day of the year 1862 there was gathered in the bar room of a certain hotel at New Westminster a number of miners, teamsters and gamblers who had come down from the gold districts. Many amusements were provided suitable to the majority of them. One attraction for the day of which I speak was a much advertised New Year's eve ball, to be conducted on the free and easy style. This was sufficient to guarantee a large crowd. At the urgent request of a partner of mine, who had spent the summer in the mines with me, and to whom I was greatly attached, I consented to attend. Late in the evening we were seated near the musicians enjoying a chat with them when they were not engaged, and making inquiries about the conspicuous characters on the floor. 'There,' said one of the performers, 'is a nice looking woman who has just come up from San Francisco. She is said to be the daughter of Mr. ——" (mentioning a name then prominent in politics). As the remark was made I turned to my companion and was startled to see him gazing in wild excitement at the person mentioned, and muttering to himself. At the first opportunity he approached her and engaged in conversation, which from the first I could see was of a sad nature. She soon left him. We then went out. It was bitterly cold as we started for home. "Come Jack," (that will do for his name) said I, "let's have a drink to warm us up a little;" but I was thinking more of the coldness near his heart, which his face indicate so plainly. 'Well, Tom,' he replied, 'if there ever was a time that I felt the need of drink it is now. I once loved that girl, but through a quarrel I lost her. Now, oh! heaven, what has brought her to this!'

Well, we drank more than once, and then excited beyond control he insisted on returning to the dance, as he must see her again. We reached the hall just as she was coming out in company with a well known gambler.

Jack stopped them and said: 'Come, Nellie, with me for a moment, I wish to speak to you."

"No," answered her companion, "she will not go with such a looking thing as you. What right have you to ask it?"

"Such a looking thing as I am," replied Jack. "If the lady will kindly excuse you for a few minutes I will tell my right and ask the same question of you."

After a short parley the girl returned inside. Then they grew personal in their remarks. Seeing that a quarrel was sure to follow, I persuaded them to find a more suitable place for their conversation. They walked and talked for quite a long time. We were out near the water when Jack remarked that he had told why he wished to speak to Nellie, and that he now wanted to know why he had been refused by her escort. The gambler answered by stating that she was his.—Before he could utter another word, Jack stabbed him through the heart.

Jack dropped the knife with a cry of horror on the very spot where the shoe of the horse I rode picked it up 22 years later.

My first impulse was to try and discover if any one had seen what had happened. Finding that every thing was still, I felt greatly relieved. But a glance at the fallen body, with its staring eyes, filled my soul with more terror than the sentence of death could have done.

"What shall we do with the body?" I asked.

Jack replied, "The river is full and will make a good sexton; so here goes."

A splash, a few waves and the corpse was buried. We were perfectly sober by this time, and could realize the awful crime that had been done. As we were returning the bells rang in the New Year. What a dirge-like sound it seemed to me. I could not help but repeat the lines:

The year
Has gone, and with it many a glorious throng
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow,
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course
It waved its sceptre o'er the beautiful—
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man—and the haughty form
Is fallen; and the flashing eye is dim.
It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged
The bright and joyous—and the tearful wail
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song
And reckless shout resounded.

But few words were exchanged while going to our room. We then sat down and gazed at each other for several minutes. I then said, "Jack, this is a bad job; but I am your friend if you will promise me one thing; that is this—to give to the world what you have taken. If you love, or did love that woman marry her and save a soul. Without some object in life to serve as a penance, you will be a lost creature yourself and for more guilty.

He promised. We went back to the hall. Jack proposed and was gladly accepted. I was determined that there should be no delay, so I went in search of a minister, and requested him to call at the hotel in half an hour. I then escorted Jack and his companion home, and saw them married. Just as the ceremony was performed, some young folks returning from a party sang, as they passed down the street, that beautiful hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Never before had the words sounded so heavenly as they did that night.

"I take that as a good omen," said the minister, "and may God bless you, is my prayer."

Little did he know of the dark shadow that enveloped their souls!

They left the next day for Mexico, where they lived a respectable if not an altogether happy life. I have often heard from them with the kindest wishes for my welfare. But I shall never hear from them again in this world, for they are gone to the Great Father. NEMO.

DELAYED DISPATCHES

CANADA.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—Aachbishop Bourget is said to be dying. Bishop Fabre has administered to him the last rites of the church. He is the oldest Bishop in America.

EASTERN STATES.

RACINE, Dec. 29.—To-day a force of workmen has been engaged in removing debris from the site of the destroyed Blake hotel and Opera House, which was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. This work is being prosecuted very carefully and every particle is being closely examined, as a great amount of valuable jewelry was lost by the guests of the house. The report that Mrs. Patrick, the hotel chambermaid, had been found at the home of her sister, which was sent out by special telegram this afternoon, is not true. Mrs. Patrick, together with Mr. and Mrs. Glover, of "The Beggar Student's Opera Company," perished in the flames. Portions of human bodies were recovered from the ruins by workmen this afternoon. The total amount of the loss, including building, stock, furniture, personal effects, etc., is now figured at $167,600. The insurance is $88,761. The officers of the Opera House Company say the house will not be rebuilt.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 29.—Miss Grace Harding Hammond, daughter of Belle Boyd, known as the "Rebel Spy," was married in this city last night to Ray Charteris, a young Englishman about 21 years of age, who claims to be the Earl of Linwood. For nearly past Charteris has been employed in this city as an instructor of elocution The bride is a daughter of Belle Boyd, by husband Harding. Her mother recently obtained from her second husband, John R. Hammond. In June last "Baroness Linwood" startled this community by laying a serious charge against a young man, a banker of Dallas. Her mother, Mrs. Hammond, demanded pecuniary damages from the young banker, failing to receive which the irate mother shot and wounded him. Lord Charteris was a resident of Dallas at the time the shooting occurred.

EUROPE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The News' Berlin correspondent telegraphs that it is reported in diplomatic circles that it is intended, in certain influential quarters, to transform the Congo into a free state monarchy.

HAMBURG, Dec. 29.—Police officials here have a letter, containing threats that the imperial naval observatory will be destroyed by dynamite.

Miscellaneous.

Russia is sending fresh beef in refrigerator cars to England.

The births in London number nearly five hundred and fifty a day.

The English Mormons have a large balance with the Bank of England.

The first telephone line ever constructed in Japan is now being built in Tokio.

It costs $300 a night to light the Grand Opera House in Paris, and $7,-000 year to sweep and dust it.

Montreal proposes having a bigger ice palace this winter than ever before, at a cost of about $6,000.

According to the Lisbon official Gazette, Portugal has 120,000 soldiers—big army, little country.

A London bank has issued an order forbidding clerks whose income is less than $750 a year to marry.

The Church of St. John, Liverpool, is to be removed and a cathedral to cost over seven millions built on its site.

Aeronautics—including experiments in baloon steering—will have a place at the World's Fair in London. in 1885.

According to the new French law, drunkeness in either husband or wife will be regarded as a sufficient cause for divorce.

There are 15,000 teetotalers in the railway service in Great Britain, and 12,000 among the sailors in the naval service.

Port Said, situated at the northern terminues of the Suez Canal, has the reputation of being the wickedest place in the world.

Government management of railways is not very successful in France, and there is talk of selling the roads to companies.

There has been an alarming increase of crime in Paris recently. Organized bands of juvenile burglars have been discovered.

Enough liquor was consumed in Great Britian last year to make a lake a mile long, a mile wide, and thirty-five feet deep. What a lake of fire that would make if lighted.

Spurgeon says he only finds ten commandments to keep, and not one of 'em against smokeing, so he proposes to smoke and let such of his parishioners as please continue to fume.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 1st, 1885.

The Pale Horse.

His eyes wide and eager, his breath breathing fast,
Snorting foam from his nostrils, his proud head upcast,
His feet shod with swiftness, yet, stiller than snow
That flits thro' the air to the chill earth below.

When sent from the glory and joy of our God
To the sphere where have suffered all who have trod,
Unpausing, resistless in pomp of his might,
Who can stay the pale horse in his terrible flight?

But one, only one, sees the pale horse of death,
Hears the hoof of his coming, feels mist of his breath:
But the dew on the brow of our loved, and his eye,
Grown glassy and fixed, tells the pale horse is nigh.

Away thro' the vale and the shadow of Death,
Across the still waters that stir with his breath,
Thro' spaces ethereal of heavenly light,
On down to the region of terror, and night,
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Down near the end of the garden was a tiny ornamental lake; and here the fair white water-lilies, the flowers I loved best of all, lifted their pure stainless heads, shining in the sunlight like pearls tipped with dew.

On one side was a large meadow, and on the other side was an orchard.

Oh, ye gods! my mouth fairly waters even now when I think of that orchard. So close grew the apple-tree to my bedroom window, that on warm sultry nights, when the heat and mosquitoes made sleep impossible, I used to raise the sash, and reaching out my hand, pull and eat away until my dainty cousin Maggie declared herself fairly disgusted. Ah, those were the days!

The cottage was owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Aram. Mrs. Aram, still a merry little girl of nineteen, and only married six months, had been a school-friend of ours, and had invited Maggie and me to spend the summer with her. And that is the reason why I—city girl that I was—was in the country.

How I enjoyed the country; how I loved it!

Standing in the vine-covered porch, watching the sun go down behind the far-off tree-tops, I felt I never wanted to enter the noisy, roaring, brick-built city again. But most of all, I loved to sit down by the lake in the cool bright moonlight, with my arms around Prince, the great Newfoundland dog's neck, and listen to the silence, new and unspeakably delightful to me.

At such times, the hard selfish crust of worldliness would melt from my heart, and all the childhood's simplicity and love, lost long ago, would come back. I was no longer a hard worldly woman, laughing contemptuously at human love and trust, but a merry graceless girl, as I had been once.

Oh, those radiant nights! Oh, those long sunny days! Oh, for my golden dreams in the dark, bright starlight! with the dreamy odor of flowers around me, the mysterious whisperings of the tall pines in the fragrant wood, the clear wild songs of the unseen birds, like voices from invisible spirits, I lived a new life—a better and holier life in those sylvan days.

Was it of anything like this Lionel Aram was thinking, as he stood leaning against the porch in silence, watching the moon rise above the blue hills, far away?

The cool beauty of the night had tempted us all out. Elsie Aram, his girl-bride, sat composedly crocheting on a low stool near him.

Maggie, looking proud and handsome, as she always did, stood before him, her white arms, shining in the moonlight like polished marble, extended above her head, as she broke off sprays of honeysuckle, and wantonly flung them away.

Very handsome and stately she was, with her cool white dress falling like a mist around her tall regal figure, her shining black hair brushed back from her broad high brow, her bright dark eyes, filled with a dreamy look they seldom wore, on the distant moon.

And I—I, too, was there, with Prince's head on my shoulder, his great human eyes fixed lovingly on my face, wondering why Lionel Aram's blue eyes should fill and soften so strangely when they met hers.

There was a long silence. Maggie was singing softly—singing sadly, ends of old ballads, very low and dreamily to herself.

Now it was "Auld Robin Gray;" now "The Banks of Allan Water," and again, "Love Not." One I remember with a strange wild air, the sweetest and saddest I ever heard, ended in a sort of refrain like the following:

The moon shines as brightly to-night o'er the snow,
As it did when he loved me a long time ago.

No funeral dirge could have sounded more dreary than did that refrain. The words seemed to sadden even the singer; for, lost in thought, she sang again and again to the wild mournful air, like the last cadence of a funeral hymn:

"As it did when he loved me a long time ago."

We were all silent when she ceased. Good brave Prince, looking up in my face, wondered, perhaps, at the tears lying heavy on my eye-lashes, as I thought of all I had lost in that dreary "long time ago."

Lionel's eyes seemed mesmerised to the beautiful face of the singer; and she—oh, who could tell the remorseful thoughts of the days when she was young and innocent, and had learned that song from her old Scotch nurse, that passed through her mind. Her good angel seemed shadowing her with his white wings, and whispering of better days, and of the crown she might win to encircle her beautiful brow in heaven.

I watched them furtively, Maggie and Lionel, but no good angel's whisper ever filled frail sinner's eyes with the light that blazed in his, that irradiated all his handsome face. I knew he loved her, married man as he was, as he had never loved his leal-hearted little wife at his feet. I saw it all; for if the world had nearly crushed out my woman's heart, it had made me keen-sighted to detect evil in others, too.

Elsie's voice first broke the silence; good graceless little Elsie, the only unworldly one amongst us, with her joyous little laugh.

"How sober you are all to-night! Maggie, Lionel, Agnes, what ails you all?"

"A bad fit of the dismals, Elsie dear," said I. "Maggie's doleful song has made me 'darkly, deeply, beautifully blue,' as Byron says of the ocean."

"The song was beautiful, and so was the singing," said Lionel quietly.

"And so was the singer," said I sarcastically—"eh, Mr. Aram?"

"Yes—even so. So beautiful that it would be presumptuous to praise it," he said in a deep meaning tone.

A slight flush tinted her oval cheek. I could see it even in the moonlight.

"I thought no man ever knew how to pay compliments after being married six months," said Maggie, trying to grasp a spray that grew above her head.

"Oh, they forgot to compliment nobody but their own wives, I understand."

"What a cynic you are, Agnes! You'll be an old maid, sure; you seem to have lost all your faith in men," said Maggie.

"Well, if I'm only an old maid, I have cause to be thankful. Some people have been worse," I said pointedly.

"Worse! how?—what do you mean?" said Maggie, starting violently, and flushing deepest crimson.

"Oh, a married woman, for instance; the worst fate that can possibly befall a girl."

"Nonsense, Aggie, you don't think any such thing," said Elsie, laughing.

"Don't I? Well, you'll see; some day you may be of my opinion, too, little matron."

"Never, never!" said Elsie impetuously; and standing up she nestled proudly and fondly toward her handsome young husband.

He put his arm round her waist, but without looking at her. His eyes saw none but Maggie.

"I tell you what," said Maggie gaily; "Ag must have been jilted when in her teens. Nothing else would make her so bitter. Come, proud cousin mine, confess; you have learned before now how faithful man can be."

"That I may or may not. But if I had, Maggie, I would thank God every day of my life for finding it out in time."

"Thank God for anything so bad! Oh, Agnes!" said Elsie.

"Nothing is bad, Mrs. Aram, but it might be worse."

"Worse! Nothing could be worse than that."

"I beg leave to differ from you. I might have married him——"

"Well?"

"And found it out afterwards. Would that be worse, Mrs. Aram?"

"Oh, that would be dreadful!" she said with a shudder.

"What an unpleasant topic you have chosen," said Maggie petulantly; "just like you, Agnes, always mocking truth and feeling, always bitter and satirical."

"Who would you have me learn the truth and feeling from—you, Maggie?" said I carelessly.

She turned away and made no answer.

"How serene the ladye moon looks to-night!" said Lionel. "Who would think, bright and beautiful as it appears, that it is, after all, a black and blasted desert?"

"Very like some people I have met on this planet," said I.

"Mocking again," said Lionel with a smile. "Have you lost all faith in the human race?"

"God forbid!" I answered reverently. "Thank heaven! there are some true and warm hearts, loving and trusting in this fraitless world yet. You have one throbbing near you, and for you, Mr. Aram."

Elsie's beaming smile shone for me a moment, and then was lifted to the dear face above her—dear above all earthly things to her. I saw him clasp her closer, as if he hoped his own heart would be pacified by the contact, but he did not venture to meet these loving, trusting eyes, with the guilt of his faithlessness upon him.

"How I love those hydrangeas," said Maggie, stooping and gathering a cluster of their pale pink blossoms; "those thick rich bunches make lovely bouquets."

"It is natural you should like them," said I; "you know they are emblematic of heartlessness."

"Come now, Agnes, you are too bad. What is your favorite flower?"

"Sweet William," says I, plucking the flower; "allow me to present it to you, Mr. Aram."

"It means treachery," said Elsie, pushing it away with something like a shiver. "Oh, Agnes, how can you be so cruel?"

"Well, perhaps this will be more acceptable to you," said I, handing her an oleander, and glancing at her husband.

"And that says beware! what do you mean, Agnes?"

"Oh, nothing. Now, Mr. Aram, what do you choose?"

"Pink phloxes. I like its meaning; accept it, Miss Maggie," he said carelessly.

"That signifies our souls are united. You should reply to that, coz."

"With pleasure; this crocus answers for me," said Maggie, her eyes flashing with anger and defiance at me.

"And says, I am yours. Very pretty and interesting all this, eh, Mrs. Aram?"

Elsie's face was pale, and her eyes wandered uneasily from face to face. Mr. Aram fastened the crocus in his button-hole, while his eyes flashed with triumph. Alas, for thee, Elsie! thy doom is sealed.

"I believe I have an engagement down the road," said Lionel, drawing out his watch; "I must leave you, ladies, for a short time."

"Good riddance," laughed Maggie; but I saw how her eyes watched his tall manly form until it disappeared—watched as a woman watches only the man she loves.

We were all silent when alone. I, with a heart swelling with sorrow, indignation, and pity—sorrow for poor little Elsie; pity for her blindness, and indignation at the heartless girl beside me. Maggie watched the long white dusty street, down which he had gone, and Elsie watched the beautiful solemn stars.

"'When shall we three meet again?' as the witches say in 'Mac beth,'" said Maggie, breaking the silence, that was growing oppressive. "Elsie, darling, what ails you to-night?"

She was not usually demonstrative, and very chary, of course; but now she came over and put her arms round Elsie's graceful little figure, pushed back the pale golden hair, and kissed her tenderly.

I did not understand it then; but I know now she wished to give that best embrace with pure lips—that Judas' kiss to the friend she had wronged beyond earthly atonement.

"I don't know. I feel sad and troubled," said Elsie, laying her little head on that false friend's shoulder. "I wish Lionel were back. I'm afraid something may happen to him—I have such a strange presentiment of evil."

"Never mind Lionel, sweet Elsie," said Maggie, laying her burning cheek on Elsie's bright curls. "It might be better for you, and I, and the whole of us, if—"

"He was in heaven," interrupted I.

"Hush, Agnes! What dreadful things you say!" said Elsie, with a shudder.

"And others do dreadful things! God pardon us all; for we need it."

"Amen!" sadly and solemnly said Maggie.

"Agnes, what have you been alluding to all this evening? What dreadful thing is going to happen?" said Elsie, starting up.

"Oh, never mind Aggie, interrupted Maggie, gaily, "she's always a terribly mysterious person—the 'Mysteries of Udolpho' are nothing to her secrets. She's an old cynic—a misanthrope—a man-hater—you know, Elsie, I want you to promise me one thing, little darling."

"Well, what is it, Maggie?"

"That, if ever you hear anything evil, anything bad of me, you will think of me as you knew me first—a warm, fresh, merry-hearted girl. You will remember I never had a mother God help me!—or I might have made another sort of woman."

"Dear Maggie, what a strange request!"

"Yes—I know; but promise me, Elsie."

"I promise, dearest Maggie."

"Thank you—oh, thank you, for that. And now, one more favor. Give me a flower—your favorite, whatever it may be—as a token of remembrance."

"Well, here's rosemary—that's for remembrance. But what an odd mood you're in to-night," said Elsie laughing.

"Oh, I'm an oddity altogether. And," she cried, starting up, "by the pricking of my thumbs, some one wicked this way comes' is here!" she cried as Lionel re-entered the garden.

"Welcome back," said Elsie, springing into his arms, while Maggie drew a step back. "Dear Lionel, how glad I am you've come."

"Well, really, if I had been away 20 years instead of 20 minutes, my welcome could not have been warmer," said Lionel laughing. "But it's growing late, and you were complaining of headache this morning, Elsie. I move we adjourn to the house."

"I think I'll adjourn to bed," said Elsie, smiling faintly; "for I find my headache is not quite gone yet. Good night, Agnes. Good night, Maggie—I hope you'll be in better spirits to-morrow morning."

I felt little inclination to stay with either of them, now that Elsie was gone; so I arose, and leaving them both in the vine-covered porch, I bade them good night and entered the house. I never saw either of them again.

That night I felt miserable and wakeful, and could not sleep.

Toward midnight, as I lay watching the moonlight falling in broad flakes on the floor, a dark shadow fell across it as a figure flitted through the garden.

I sprang up and looked out.

A carriage stood before the gate, and Lionel and Maggie stood there, too; I saw him hand her in, spring in after her, the door closed, and the guilty pair were whirled away.

Stunned, and nearly fainting, I fell back in my seat. For neither of them I cared—both had forfeited love and respect for ever; but for Elsie—child-like, simple, loving Elsie—my heart bled.

I knew she loved her young husband with her heart, and crying out, "Oh, Elsie! oh, Elsie! who will tell you this?" I sank on the bed, and wept for her.

Morning came. Pale and haggard, I descended to the parlor. Elsie was there—pale too, with undefined apprehension.

"Agnes," she cried, "where is Maggie?"

"Gone," I said.

She rose up, came over, and laying her hands in mine, looked up in my face with wild fearful eyes.

"And my husband?"

"Gone with her, my precious Elsie!"

She did not cry out nor faint. Pale and tearless, she sat down, holding her hands over her heart. In straits like these, when the bolt goes right through the heart, the eye has no tears to shed; and she, who would have wept for the death or loss of a pet bird, shed no tear, heaved no sigh, now.

But, oh, who can paint the agony, the mortal anguish, that overspread her face?

God forgive me if, in that moment, I was tempted to curse them both.

Had her husband died, she would have grieved; but what was death to a loss like this?

Elsie did not die, then—people often live on after all that makes life desirable is gone; but from that moment the name of either never crossed her lips. I heard of them sometimes; now in Paris, now in Naples, and now in London—ever restless and roaming about; and I know that neither of them will ever return to that little cottage-home again.

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
18th December, 1884.

THE PUBLIC OFFICES OF THE PROVINCIAL Government will be closed from Thursday the 25th to Saturday the 27th inst., inclusive, and from Thursday the 1st to Saturday the 3rd proximo, inclusive.

JNO. ROBSON,
de19 Provincial Secretary.

WE BEG TO INTIMATE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS THAT, HAVING MADE arrangements to retire from business on the 31st of this month, all accounts must be settled on or before that date.

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This great enterprise, one of the greatest in the world, was part of the contract with this province on its entering confederation. It was considered to be too great for any private company and the government of Canada undertook its construction. Certainly no country with so small a population and such limited resources ever assumed so great a responsibility and successfully carried out so gigantic an undertaking. The government of Canada and the people looked upon its construction as a national necessity, it being considered a bond of union connecting the various provinces.

In 1871 various surveying parties were sent out to explore where it was intended the road should pass and report upon the most favorable route. A very large amount of money was thus spent by the government before commencing actual construction.

In 1873 a contract was made with the late Sir Hugh Allan for the construction of the road, by which the company to be formed was to receive 54,000,000 acres of land and $30,000,000, the road to be built from Lake Nipissing to Burrard Inlet. This contract collapsed owing to what has been called the "Pacific Scandal," and with this Sir John's government was forced to resign.

The Hon. Alex. Mackenzie then formed a government, and part of his policy was to go slowly with the construction of the railway, using meanwhile all available water stretches. However, in the year 1874, the Mackenzie government had an act passed whereby they were empowered to give to any company that would undertake the building of this road $10,000 and 20,000 acres of land per mile for 2,797 miles, and also 4 per cent. for twenty-five years on such balance as was necessary to complete the road. This offer was then made public and at length fully advertised in Europe in 1877, but no company came forward to accept it.

The work of construction on the eastern section, between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, was commenced in 1874. Owing partly to the nature of the work, and partly to the difficulty of getting in supplies, very slow progress was made. The same dilatoriness without reason, was displayed in the location of the line west of Red River. In the elections held in 1878, the Mackenzie government was defeated and Sir John A. Macdonald, then recently elected member for Victoria, was called upon to form a government, which he successfully did, and he announced it to be part of their policy to complete the national highway as speedily as possible. The government then put some more sections under contract east of Red River, and the surveying and exploring parties west were increased; but still the work did not progress as rapidly as the people of this province expected it would. This was attributable, in some degree, to the difficulty experienced by any government in carrying out the minute details necessary in such a large undertaking.

In the summer of 1880 Sir John A. Macdonald went to England to make arrangements, if possible, with some strong company of capitalists for the immediate construction of the railway; but he was unsuccessful in his mission. After his return to Canada the government succeeded in making a contract with a Canadian company, the most prominent members of which had been successful in their operations with the St. P. M. & M. Railway. This company, called the "Syndicate," with Geo. Stephen as its president, were to construct, operate and own the C. P. R. The parts of the road already built, and those sections under contract, were, by the terms of the agreement, to be handed over to the Syndicate on completion, and at once become their property. The portions to be constructed were divided into three sections, the first, extending from Callander station, near the east end of Lake Nipissing, to a junction with the Lake Superior section then being built by the government, was called the eastern section; the second, extending from Selkirk, on the Red river, to Kamloops, at the Forks of the Thompson river, was called the central section, and the third, extending from Kamloops to Port Moody, at Burrard Inlet, the western section. The company agreed to lay out, construct and equip in running order, the eastern and central sections by the 1st day of May, 1891.

The government agreed to complete that portion of the western section between Kamloops and Yale by June 30, 1885, and also between Yale and Port Moody on or before the 1st day of May, 1891, and the Lake Superior section according to contract.

The government sections, when completed, were to become the absolute property of this company, the latter undertaking to forever efficiently maintain, work and run the same. The government further agreed to grant the company a subsidy of $25,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of land; also, a grant of all lands required by them for the roadbed of the railway, and for its stations, station grounds, workshops, etc. This contract, after considerable opposition from the reform party, was finally approved of by both houses, and received the assent of the governor general in February, 1881.

The company now thoroughly organized, appointed A. B. Stickney general manager and General Rosser as chief engineer of construction, and new life and vigor were at once thrown into the work. The first three hundred miles west of Winnipeg were located in as many months as it took years for the government engineers to do the same work.

The company now diverted the line from the northern route explored by the government to a more southerly one, and instead of making for the Yellowhead Pass, as selected by the government, they ran their line up the headwaters of the Bow river to the Kicking Horse Pass, selected by Major Rogers, who has had from the first full charge of location in the Rocky mountains, and to whom great credit is due for the manner in which he has accomplished it. This route is shorter, being more direct, and as it bears well to the south, keeps any other railway from being built in that direction for years, while the northern country must necessarily drain into the C. P. R. by any lines that may be built north. It also opened up a country which had been hitherto considered almost worthless, as being the cone of the great American desert, but which has been demonstrated by scientific analysis of the soil to be very rich, and by actual test through a number of experimental farms along the route to be capable of producing even on the sod excellent crops of all kinds of grain.

During the spring of 1882 both Mr. Stickney and General Rosser resigned and the company made an excellent choice in appointing W. C. Van Horn, as general manager, who threw still more vigor into the construction of the road, which was pushed through to the summit of the Rocky Mountains during the summers of 1882 and 1883. The feats performed in the way of construction were unequalled by that of any other line.

Objections have been made to this rapid construction inasmuch as the cost of the same was necessarily increased, and the incoming settlers to the northwest by scattering along the railway line, consequently injured the older settlements in the eastern part of the prairie section. But the company in so doing were only carrying out, as far as possible, the original contract with British Columbia, and they no doubt had in view the well known principle in railway operations that immediately on the connection of any two pieces of railway, the receipts derived from operating the whole are very much larger than the sum total of the two original separate receipts. The company also wished to cultivate the eastern trade as speedily as possible and divert a traffic naturally their own.

In the autumn of 1883 the company found that only the easy portion of the road had been built, the most difficult part, namely the Mountain section and that north of Lake Superior had still to be constructed. Only a small portion of the land grant had been disposed of. The Grand Trunk railway and some rival American roads endeavored to obstruct the progress of the C. P. R., and did all in their power to prevent the company disposing of its stock at a fair market value. Unfortunately at this very time a great depreciation took place in the value of American railway securities generally.

To meet the difficulty, the company approached the government and deposited with it a sum of money and securities sufficient to provide for the payment of three per cent. on the five per cent. promised by the company on a capital stock of $65,000,000. It was supposed that this would not only steady the stock but give increased value to it, and that thereby money would be realized from the sale sufficient for the prosecution of the work. Through a combination of circumstances these expectations were not realized, and when parliament met in January, 1884, the government was forced to ask the house to consider the best means to carry out the early completion of the road. It was finally resolved to loan the company $22,500,000 out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, to be repaid to the government on or before the 1st day of May, 1891, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, half yearly until full payment of principal. Out of this loan the government paid the company forthwith $7,500,000 to extinguish its then present floating debt. The remainder of the loan was to be paid to the company as the work of construction proceeded. There was besides a guarantee of a payment of $7,580,912 by the government. The loan became a first charge, lien, or mortgage upon the railway.

At the time this loan was made the company prepared a statement for parliament showing their expenditure on construction up to that time as follows:

Main line construction	$23,078,929
Rolling stock	6,870,015
Materials	4,075,091
Improvement on government lines	339,239
Deposit with government interest on bonds and dividends	11,211,150
Expenditure on branches	3,750,593
Acquired lines	3 2 0,351
Rolling stock	900,9 0
Shops	516 032
Tools and machinery	252,230
Real estate for terminal and shops	590,760
	$54,728,560

It was estimated that it would take about $27,000,000 more to complete the main line and equip it and it was further estimated that the government sections would cost $28,000,000, making a total of nearly $110,000,000.

The work of construction north of Lake Superior has been rapidly pushed during the past year under the supervision and management of Mr. John Ross while the same may be said of the Mountain division under Mr. James Ross, both experienced railway men and well qualified for the position.

Connection will be made north of Lake Superior in twenty-five days and there will then be a continuous line from Montreal to within eight miles of the summit of the Selkirks, and work is now going on almost continuously from that point to Savona's Ferry. There is now every prospect of the road being completed through from Montreal to Vancouver by next September, nearly six years sooner than the contract time.

Great credit is due to Sir John A. Macdonald for the building and rapid completion of the C. P. R. and thus giving our province another outlet; for at various times he staked his political reputation and was prepared to stand or fall with the success or failure of this great national work, and should he visit our province on the driving of the last spike all classes of our people will join in giving him a royal welcome.

To G. W. Stephen, the president, and R. B. Angus and W. C. Van Horne, vice presidents, and their associates on the Board, is due the credit in the face of almost insuperable difficulties of pushing on the completion of this work and giving us the long looked for connection so much sooner than they were compelled by their contract.

Our long cherished hopes are soon to be realized, and with the dawn of the new year comes new life into our various struggling industries, and into the development of our various resources. It is to be hoped that the rest of the Dominion by this connection will soon learn and appreciate the full extent of these varied resources, which up to the present have almost remained a sealed book to them. We trust that by the completion of the national highway, the people of the Dominion will begin to realize what they are capable of doing, and more fully understand and appreciate the vast and varied undeveloped resources in the country lying to the west of the Red River; and that as confederation infused something of a national spirit into our political life, so may the driving of the last spike on our national railway complete the work thus begun, by driving away the pessimism from our politics and give us more hope, faith and assurance in the future of the Dominion.

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION and the Y. W. C. T. U. will receive calls at Temperance Hall on New Year's day from 11 a. m. until 3 p. m. A mass meeting will be held in the evening at the same place, commencing at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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Victoria, Dec. 29th, 1884. de30

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FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL
In JOHNSON STREET WARD.
de30td W. A. ROBERTSON.

JAMES BAY WARD.

AT THE SOLICITATION OF NUMEROUS RATEpayers, I submit my name as a
CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN
For James Bay Ward, and will take an early opportunity of expressing my views.
de30td GEO. POWELL.

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TAX-PAYERS

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THOS. RUSSELL.
COLLECTOR.
City Hall, Victoria, 29th Dec., 1884. de30

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WM. SMITHE,
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Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 10th, 1884. de12 1m

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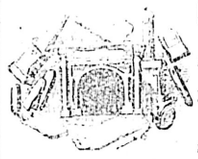

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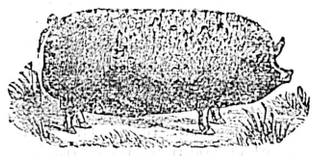

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MUNICIPAL.

REQUISITION.

TO R. P. RITHET, ESQ.,

SIR,—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RATEPAYERS of Victoria, having confidence in your ability and fitness for the position, request your permission to place you in nomination as Mayor for the ensuing year, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to secure your Election

John Ash	John Partridge
Redon & Hartnagel	L Goodacre
Wm Wilson	Dixie H Ross
W Heathorn	E C Neufelder
Joshua Davies	J C Bales
S J Pitts	C W R Thomson
E A McQuade	H Bornstien
William Charles	Simon Leiser
Matthew T Johnston	James Barnes
James S Raymur	John Crowther
T Lubbe	D E Campbell
Alex Munro	E Muschamp
W J Jeffree	A A Green
Robert Elder	Geo W Haynes
H Saunders	H L Jones
J D Warren	J H Todd
Jesse Brown	Joseph Wilson
E Metcalf	J Nicholles
J Gutman	R Lipsett
James Larman	Wm McKeon
H J Hartnell	H D Saunders
James Johns	Lewis Lewis
George Steitz	Jas Crawford
G W A Lange	J A T Caton
Wm G Lange	A Oiner
D Green	T H Tye
Thos Geiger	W Shears
T F Becker	B VanVolkenburgh
M W Waitt	C T Todd
H Brown	John Grant
Hy Young	W G Pinder
Jas Hutcheson	Chas E Redfern
Edward White	D M Eberts
James A Fraser	M W Taywhitt Drake
Francis Page	D W Higgins
P T Johnston	Thos D Nuttall
M Gallick	R Finlayson
J D Nesbitt	Jas A Graham
Edgar Marvin	A W Jones
C Morton	Robt Ward
F Adams	H F Heisterman
Alex B Gray	Henry E Crossdaile
R B Thompson	W W Malachi
Wm Wilson	W B Smallfield
J Roland Hett	J KeithWilson
W D McKillican	H Rhodes
Wm Hammond	T Allsop
A J Smith	Frank S Barnard
D R Harris	J B Matthews
T N Hibben	Henry Short
J Finlayson	H Waller
Wm Penny	A McLean
Thos Carrington	A B Francis
R Dunsmuir	Morrice Rose
Jos Hunter	A P Briggs
C E Perry	J Liddell
M G Staples	C Dawson
G H Barnes	Edwd Mallandaine
David Days	D Simpson
A K Munro	J Hawkins
Wm T Drake	J C Flett
Robt E Jackson	James Flett
Wm C Ward	Paul Strahle
Chas S Jones	J C Leask
Geo Cruickshank	M R Robbins
J Heywood	T S Styles
Geo Gillespie	W Jensen

To the Ratepayers signing above Requisition:

GENTLEMEN, I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR your requisition to allow myself to be nominated for Mayor at the approaching election. The large number of names which represent all classes of the community had induced me to comply with the request, and in doing so I consider it to be part of my duty to express my views briefly upon the more important questions which are likely to engage the attention of the Municipal Council during the coming year.

The most important to my mind is the drainage of the city. I am strongly in favor of immediate steps being taken to accomplish this, and will advocate and support the most efficient and economical scheme which may be submitted.

I am in favor of an equitable revision of the Assessment Roll.

I consider the Electric Light as at present supplied altogether inadequate, and will further any reform in this connection, which may be considered necessary for the more efficient lighting of the city.

I will assist whatever well considered measure may be submitted for the improvement of the water supply.

If elected, I shall always endeavor to promote the best interests of the city generally.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
no16 R. P. RITHET.

REQUISITION.

TO MESSRS. THOMAS EARLE, JOHN BRADEN AND JOHN GRANT:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors, to serve for Yates Street Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

Simon Leiser	S J Pitts
Wm K Leighton	Wm Chrow
J H Turner	Robt Elder
R S Byrn	H Saunders
E A McQuade	J D Warren
Robt Ward	Jesse Brown
E Metcalfe	Jas L Raymur
J Gutmann	James Larman
T Lubbe	Alex Munro
H J Hartnell	John J Hart
Matthew T Johnston	W J Jeffree
D E Campbell	J Fullerton
Jas Johns	P T Johnson
John Partridge	R W Savage
John Crowther	W Heathorn
B C Neufelder	Wm Wilson
Dixi H Ross	Thos Carrington
J C Bales	C W N Thompson
Redon & Hartnagel	Geo W Haynes
M Gallick	H F Heisterman
S D Nesbitt	H L Jones
J W Todd	Edgar Marvin
Jos Wilson	F Adams
A A Green	A B Gray
Jno Nicholles	A J Langley
R Lipsett	A Lewis
Wm McKeon	Wm Wilson
H D Saunders	H Bornstein
Lewis Lewis	Wm Crawford
Geo Steitz	A Oiner
G W A Lange	W J Goepel
D Green	T H Tye
Thos Geiger	T Baumann
T F Becker	W Shears
M W Waitt	Frank S Barnard
H Brown	Wm Andeon
Hy Young, per J H	B Van Volkenburgh
J is Hutcheson	C F Todd
Wm G Lange, jr	Edward White
Wm Denny	Jas A Fraser
E Muschamp	Jas Doughty, Jr
Frank Norin	J A T Caton
Wm Charles	J Isaacs

REPLY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS WHO SIGNED THE ABOVE REQUISITION:

GENTLEMEN—A duty that all owe to the community in which they reside, induces us to comply with your request.

We will, if elected, use our endeavors to promote the best interests of the city, and also give the many important issues which will necessarily come before the Council our most earnest consideration and assistance; notably, a system of sewerage, efficient yet economical, revision of the assessment roll, so that it may be equitable, improvement of the water supply, better lighting of the city, etc., etc.

Thanking you for your expressed confidence, we are, gentlemen, yours respectfully,
THOS. EARLE,
JOHN BRADEN,
de21 JOHN GRANT.

Councillors Johnson St. Ward.

To Messrs. B. W. PEARSE, W. MCKAY, ORLANDO WARNER.

GENTLEMEN—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RATEpayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward for the ensuing year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position. Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

R Finlayson	William J Stephens
A J Langley	John Work
H L Jones	C T Penwill
T H Tye	H Brown
J H Todd	Andrew Gray
J H Turner	H Harold
Thos F Wilson	Wm Wyllie
Chas W Wilson	Thos Pearson
H F Heisterman	J Mayden
Henry Rudge	E O Sheppard
John Dooley	H A Clappezzoul
J W Griffiths	Wm Denny
W Allen	And 43 others.

REPLY.

VICTORIA, 20th Dec., 1884.

To Messrs. FINLAYSON, LANGLEY, and others.

GENTLEMEN:—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVing been asked to allow ourselves to be put in nomination as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward, beg to say that we are willing to stand as Coilncillors for this Ward for the coming year, and if elected we pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to promote the best interests of the city.

We remain yours obediently,
B. W. PEARSE,
WILLIAM MCKAY,
de21 ORLANDO WARNER.

NOTICE.

AN APPLICATION WILL BE MADE BY THE undersigned to the Bench of Licensing Magistrates for Victoria City, at their next meeting, for a license to sell wines, spirits, beer, &c., by retail, at the Albion Hotel, Herald street, Victoria.
JOHN WILSON.
Victoria, Nov. 28th, 1884. no29 2w

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PRIVATE BILLS.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North American Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railroad, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam or Slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of Ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade or calling, or of any Joint Stock Company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act—shall require a Notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application to be published as follows:—

A notice inserted in the BRITISH COLUMBIA GAZETTE and in one newspaper published in the District affected, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest District in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition.

Before any petition, praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge is presented to the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such a Bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the preceding rule, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a drawbridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

THORNTON FELL,
se19tf Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

[L. S.] CLEMENT F. CORNWALL.
CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province, of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of December instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

ALEX. E. B. DAVIE, *Attorney-General.* } WHEREAS THE MEETing of the Legislature or Parliament of the Province of British Columbia stands called for Wednesday, 24th day of December instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that, for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on MONDAY, the TWELFTH day of the month of JANUARY next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honorable CLEMENT F. CORNWALL, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four and in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.
T. ELWYN,
de7td Deputy Provincial Secretary.

REQUISITION.

TO MESSRS. ROBERT WARD, A. J. SMITH, W. D. McKILLICAN:

GENTLEMEN:—WE, THE UNDERSIGNED Ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors to serve for James Bay Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

A McLean,	Chas E Redfern,
J B Mat

Daily Colonist.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 1st, 1885.

L. P. FISHER, Advertising Agent, 21 Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, is authorised to receive advertisements for the columns of this paper.

$20 REWARD

WILL BE PAID FOR THE ARREST AND conviction of any person who may steal *The Colonist* from the door of a subscriber.

ISLAND RAILWAY.

It has always been contended this province that the Island railway, as part of the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, should be constructed by the Dominion government; but, as is well known the legislatures, respectively of Canada and British Columbia, approved an agreement in what is known here as the "Settlement Bill" which, among other things, settled in full the provincial claim for non-construction of the Island railway. The Canadian government agreed to give $750,000 to contractors designated by them for the construction of the line, and to hand over to the contractors the lands which the British Columbian legislature might assign as a railway grant, and to take approved security for the completion of the line on or before the 10th June. 1887. A company having been formed and incorporated by the British Columbian legislature, under the name of "The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company," the Canadian government entered into an agreement with them to construct the line and a telegraph line along it. There is to be a uniform guage of 4 feet 8½ inches, and the general character and equipments have to equal those of the railway now being constructed on the mainland. The maximum grade is not to exceed 80 feet to the mile, and the minimum curvature not to be of less radius than 800 feet. Under this agreement, the company have let a subcontract to contractors who have begun work at Chemainus, and are working thence, on the section to Nanaimo, at the present time. Several hundred men, not including Chinamen, are employed, and very good progress has been made. The probability is that the whole line will be finished well within the stipulated time. A short branch from some point near Esquimalt harbor will connect Victoria with the main line. The land grant made be the provincial legislature to aid in the construction of this line is at present vested in the government of Canada, and has not to be conveyed to the company until the satisfactory completion of the whole line, but this vesting is subject to certain provisions. The government of British Columbia administers the lands for actual settlement at $1 per acre (except as to timber, coal and other minerals) during four years from the 19th of December, 1883. *Bona fide* squatters, who had occupied and improved land for a year before the 1st Jan., 1883, are entitled each to a grant of the freehold of the surface-rights of 160 acres, also at $1 per acre. The adjustment of all questions concerning this line has already had a happy effect. It is impossible to over estimate the enormous advantages which it will secure to those who have made the island their home, whether in the rural districts or cities. Nanaimo and Victoria especially will be benefited, and it is a fair expectation that, in a short time, the line will be extended to and perhaps beyond the flourishing settlement of Comox. The past year will be memorable as the year in which the actual construction of the Island railway began, and with it a new era of illimitable possibilities.

Immigration.

The establishment of a daily line of steamers from Tacoma to Victoria at the beginning of the year in connection with the N. P. R. made it much more convenient for immigrants to reach this province from the east than via San Francisco. As spring advanced a large number of laboring men arrived expecting to find employment on public works. In consequence of work not being resumed on the Esquimalt Graving Dock and the Island railway surveys not sufficiently advanced for a commencement many of these men, with more or less means, left the country. Notwithstanding this drawback a steady flow of immigrants, in the main well suited to the wants of the country, continued through the summer and autumn months, and with some diminution in numbers till the close of the year. During the fall a great many families arrived from the eastern provinces and old country en route to various parts of the province where homes had been provided for their reception by the head or some other member of each household.

PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN PORT OF VICTORIA FROM JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 31ST, 1884.

Puget Sound, whites	13,110
San Francisco and Portland, whites	3,084
	16,194
Puget Sound, Chinese	1,297
Frisco and Portland, Chinese	1,157
Chinese ports and Hongkong	729
	3,183

Total whites and Chinese 19,377. Direct arrivals at New Westminster, Nanaimo and elsewhere will make the grand total 21,000.

Steamers Starr and Anderson's passengers from Puget Sound, 3,970—15 per cent. of whom may be taken as

Immigrants	566
Mail line, 9,340—40 per c.	3,736
San Francisco, 3,084—40 per c.	1,234
Total immigrants approximate	5,536

It may safely be presumed that 1,000 immigrants came in by way of New Westminster, Nanaimo, Kootenay and across the gap in the C. P. R. in the Selkirk mountains to the interior and over to the coast. In the months of September, October and early in November several of those "overlanders" reported themselves at the immigration office, and stated that a number of men had distributed themselves through the country east of the Cascades.

As far as can be ascertained about 500 men left during the spring and summer months on account of not being able to get employment on public works, thus leaving 6000 approximately as the increase to white population during the year.

	Males.	Females.	Children.	Effects valued at.
England	51	42	27	$21,770
U. S.	174	164	221	31,693
East Prov.	72	52	87	32,085
Other places.	5	4	7	5,456
Total	302	262	312	$91,004

Chinese population has increased by about 3,000; 200 of these people left a few days ago on the steam ship Sardonyx for Hongkong.

In addition to the above several thousand C. P. R. men have come into British Columbia from the east and are now working on the line. Many of them will become settlers in the province after railway works are completed.

Number of settlers who have passed their effects at the customs house in this city from Jan. 1st to Dec. 21st are as follows:

RAND BROS., Real Estate Brokers, will open an office at Coal Harbor in a few weeks. In the meantime, intending investors should call on them at their office in New Westminster, B. C.

British Columbia Shipping, 31st Doc., 1884.

COMPILED BY ROBT. WARD AND CO.

LOADING AT BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.

Loading at Nanaimo, Am ship Occidental, 1532 tons, coal to San Francisco.

Departure Bay, Nor ship India, 1181 tons, coal to San Francisco.

Departure Bay, Am ship Belvidere, 1321 tons, coal to Wilmington.

Departure Bay, Br steamship Wellington, 1961 tons, coal to San Francisco.

Burrard Inlet, Br bark Pacific Slope, 799 tons, lumber to Sydney.

Burrard Inlet, Am ship Corsica, 1270 tons, lumber to Sydney.

Burrard Inlet, Br bark Lady Bowen, 892 tons, lumber to Sydney.

Burrard Inlet, Br bark Lorenzo, 1199 tons, lumber to Melbourne.

Burrard Inlet, Br bark Persia, 972 tons, spars to England.

Burrard Inlet, Br bark Minstrel King, 496 tons, lumber to River Plate.

BOUND TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.

Sailed from Hull, Dec 25, Br steamship Euphrates, 1879 tons, steel rails and general to Esquimalt

Sailed from Hull, Dec 15, Br ship Cambrian Prince, 1349 tons, steel rails and general to Esquimalt.

Loading at London, Br bark Lady Head, 457 tons, general to Victoria.

Loading at London, Br bark Prince Rupert, 491 tons, general to Victoria.

Loading at Liverpool, Br bark Hermine, 538 tons, general to Victoria.

Loading at Liverpool, Ger bark Moltke, 828 tons, general to Victoria.

Sailed from Liverpool, Oct 4, Br bark Haidee, 758 tons, general to Victoria.

Sailed from Hongkong, Nov 19, Am ship Undaunted, 1714 tons, general to Victoria.

Loading at Hongkong, Br bark Nanaimo, 396 tons, general to Victoria.

Sailed from Hongkong, Nov 15, Am ship Storm King, 1161 tons, ballast to Victoria.

Sailed from Melbourne, Oct 31, Nor bark Magne, 625 tons, ballast to Victoria

Sailed from Valparaiso, Oct 12, Am ship Peru, 1457 tons, ballast to Victoria.

Sailed from Valparaiso, Dec 12, Br bark Elise, 829 tons, ballast to Victoria.

Sailed from Valparaiso, Dec 15, Br bark Argonaut, 1011 tons, ballast to Victoria.

Sailed from Valparaiso, Dec 17, Ger bark Arcona, 912 tons, ballast to Victoria.

Sailed from Callao, Dec 10, Br bark Mizpa, 540 tons, ballast to Victoria.

IN PORT.

Esquimalt, Br bark Rover of the Seas, 430 tons, from London, Dec 29, general cargo.

Esquimalt, Br ship Maggie E Seed, 1397 tons, from Callao, Dec 29, for orders.

Esquimalt, Am ship John DeCosta, 1752 tons, from Burrard Inlet, Dec 27, loaded, timber and salmon for Melbourne.

Total, 30,281 tons.

GOLD EXPORTS.

Through Wells, Fargo & Co. for the Year 1884.

Month of	By Garesche-Green	By Bank Brit. Col	By Bank B. N. A.
	$	$	$
January	18,096 79	15,062 92	19,358 18
February	36,424 80	13,134 48	823 89
March	14,982 85	1,937 05	772 00
April	13,466 10	13,417 06	585 75
May	10,453 00	8,205 82	3,569 49
June	23,251 25	26,970 87	7,612 87
July	31,711 50	33,799 68	4,718 92
August	22,192 00	34,304 85	2,315 00
Septemb'r	30,145 00	39,473 00	4,158 00
October	32,665 00	28,864 16	5,531 00
Novemb'r	51,589 50	29,165 75	8,702 53
December	17,861 50	14,741 27	2,950 00
Total	303,139 29	249,077 81	61,088 63
Grand total		$613,305 73	

Customs Collections of Revenue Port of Victoria, B. C.

	1883	1884
January	$36,461 79	$47,051 65
February	39,839 68	34,892 80
March	55,639 13	65,291 28
April	70,100 97	78,909 26
May	89,593 00	95,023 14
June	95,892 00	69,486 90
July	69,280 81	78,137 74
August	78,144 00	63,962 73
September	63,621 80	67,262 81
October	68,249 17	106,780 27
November	69,275 25	61,831 42
December	74,129 03	64,217 49
	794,249 81	$828,755 44
		794,249 81
Increase		$34,505 63

SUMMARY OF IMPORTS

From the Eastern Provinces into the Port of Victoria, B. C., During Year Ending June 30, 1884.

Agricultural implements	$ 32,959
Boots and shoes (leather)	47,119
Cottons	33,169
Iron and steel, manufactures	59,332
Powder	17,016
Spirits	20,686
Sugar, 1,658,168 lbs.	124,118
Tobacco and cigars	54,644
Woollens	228,346
Miscellaneous	170,898
Total	$788,287

RETURN OF SALES OF COAL FROM WELLINGTON MINES.

From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1884.

MONTH.	SALES.	
January	18,992	5
February	17,076	5
March	20,558	
April	20,763	10
May	23,135	
June	21,930	5
July	15,034	5
August	19,983	10
September	19,773	
October	25,484	15
November	20,660	10
December	18,535	5
Total	241,926	10

RETURN OF SALES OF COAL OF THE V. M. & L. CO., LIMITED.

To the 31st Dec., 1884.

MONTH.	TONS.
January	6,313
February	6,787
March	6,953
April	9,522
May	9,747
June	9,189
July	9,470
August	11,129
September	8,732
October	15,457
November	12,559
December	5,700
Total	111,858

Last year (1883) the shipments, including home consumption, were only 22,760 tons.

E OF WESTMINSTER

For the Year Ending December 31st.

John S. Clute, Esq., collector of customs, New Westminster, sends statement of exports for 1884 as follows:

Fish	$ 21,304
Lumber	328,116
Fruit	1,210
Miscellaneous	525
Total	$351,155

NEW WESTMINSTER CUSTOMS.

Statement of Imports by Quarter for 1884.

April quarter	$233,539
July quarter	72,684
October quarter	99,823
December quarter	87,284
Total for year	$493,330

BREWERIES.

THE LION BREWERY.

Messrs. Peters & Davies, proprietors of the Lion Brewery, near Spring ridge, have done a greatly increased business during the past year, having made a total of 75,000 gallons. They are the sole bottlers of the celebrated "Weiner Beer," and do an extensive business. They employ five hands and supply large quantities of beer in bottles and kegs to the east coast and mainland.

COLONIAL BREWERY.

Mr. J. Leahy is the proprietor of this brewery, situated on Johnson street, started in 1858 by Mr. Bunster, and has a capacity of 200,000 gallons yearly; but only about half the capacity is being at present utilized. This brewery is the only one in the province that uses exclusively Island grown hops, and manufacturing their own malt, for which latter they have a capacity for six tons weekly. The barley is purchased principally on the island and mainland. Their specialty is porter, of which they manufacture a specially good article. The principal market is that of the mainland to the interior points to which large quantities are sent. This brewery is probably the largest north of San Francisco, and is very complete in its details.

VICTORIA BREWERY.

Messrs. Lowen & Erb are the proprietors of this extensive brewery, which turns out annually 150,000 gallons of ale and beer, of which the local market consumes the largest share, while to the east, west and mainland considerable quantities are shipped. The brewery is situated on the corner of Government and Discovery streets and employs five men.

PHŒNIX BREWERY.

Coun. C. Gowan is the proprietor of this brewery, situated corner Yates and Blanchard. This was formerly the Victoria brewery, and was started in 1858, the first of its kind in the province. Employment is given to five hands in the brewing and bottling departments, and 60,000 gallons of ale, beer and porter are annually manufactured. The porter of this brewery is supplied to the naval hospital. The number bottled of ale and beer is about 80,000 per week.

VANCOUVER BREWERY.

Messrs. Carter Bros.' brewery on Johnson street has turned out during the past year in ale, beer and porter about 50,000 gallons. They have the contract for supplying the naval canteen with malt liquors, and ship considerable to the interior. Four men are constantly employed.

Restaurants and Bakeries.

For the supplying of the "staff of life" the citizens of Victoria have plenty of bakeries, with English, American, French, German and other national names.

The oldest among these is that of Messrs. M. & L. Young, of the New England restaurant, which was established in 1858 and still flourishes with a large and increasing business. A ton and a half of flour are used weekly to meet the demands of their business.

Messrs Steitz Bros. are also pioneers in the baking and restaurant business, having been in business since 1860. They bake all kinds of bread and cake, and do a large business.

M. R. Smith, Victoria Bakery, does an extensive bread and cake business and is also a large manufacturer of crackers and biscuits.

In connection with the Oriental Hotel is also a bread and cake bakery and a large output daily is made.

Thos. Harding of the Vancouver Bakery, J. J. Wilson, J. Drout and others do a large amount of baking.

Coffee and Spice Mills.

STEMLER AND EARLE

are the proprietors of the Pioneer Steam Coffee and Spice Mills, situated on Wharf street. Coffee, pepper and spices are manufactured extensively, the output for the past year exceeding $15,000. Baking and yeast powders are also largely made. It is the intention of the firm during the coming year to greatly increase and facilitate the capacity of the mills by adding new machinery for grinding and burning the coffee and spices. The whole output of the mills is handled by Thos. Earle, and the demand has considerably increased during the past year, the greater part of the provincial trade being supplied by Victoria.

BOSSI AND GEISSELMAN

are also manufacturers of coffee and black pepper, having turned out about $5,000 worth of these two during the past season. Their mill is situated on Yates street, and is driven by steam.

Brick Making.

M. HUMBER,

During the past season has manufactured about 2,000,000 bricks, nearly all of which have been utilized in the construction of the various buildings for many of which he was also the contractor. Twenty-five men are given employment. Arrangements are being made for increasing the facilities so as to enable him to greatly increase the output for the coming year.

COUGHLAN & MASON

have also extensive brick yards on Government street and employ 30 men. Two million bricks have been manufactured during the year, with probability of greatly increased output for 1885. Steam is used for power in this yard, and other machines are to be added.

Skidogate Oil Co.

This company have an invested capital of $40,000 for the extracting of oil from the liver and bodies of the black shark found in the waters of Skidegate Inlet. During the past season only three months were the works operated, on account of the running short of cans. 45,000 gallons, however, were secured, the works running night and day when in operation. Two qualities of oil are manufactured, which is used greatly by consumers in the province, while large quantities are shipped to the United States, Sandwich Islands and Australia. The oil is steam refined, there being retorts for holding 15,000 pounds each of the fish. The fish is raised from the boats by a steam winch, and emptied into the retorts, which are 15 feet high and 6 feet in circumference. Eight white men are employed while hundreds of Indians are engaged in the fishing. Mr. Wm. Sterling is the manager of the works and Mr. J. McB. Smith secretary of the company.

Victoria Gas Company.

This company continues to supply a fairly good quality of gas at exorbitant rates and are rapidly driving their customers into the ranks of the Coal Oil Brigade or causing them to turn to the Electric Light Company in the hope of obtaining at least as good an illuminator at much less cost.

Electric Light Company.

A company has been formed, with a capital of $25,000, of which R. B. McMicking is manager and E. Crow Baker, Secretary, for the purpose of prosecuting the business of electric lighting generally. This company now maintain three towers, throwing a volume of light equal to 52,000 candle power, and which were erected in December, 1883, by contract with the municipal government, as a first step toward the thorough illumination of the streets and environs of the city. Arrangements are also about perfected, we understand, for the introduction of a system of in-door—shop and office lighting—by means of which the projectors hope to meet a long-felt want, by the supply of a brilliant, wholesome light, at a reasonable cost, and thus relieve the large consumer from the thraldom and outrageous exactions of the Victoria Gas Co.

Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company.

Incorporated by an act of the local legislature, dated 8th May, 1880; capital, $15,000. W. T. Livock, president; R. B. McMicking, manager; E. Crow Baker, secretary; board of directors, W. T. Livock, Joshua Davies, E. A. McQuade, W. L. Jones and J. D. Warren; sole agents for the Bell telephone and Blake transmitter in the province of British Columbia; 200 subscribers to the Central office system, besides those at New Westminster, Port Moody, Nanaimo, Yale and Barkerville; 120 miles of lines in operation. Company also works a system of electric fire alarm in the city; central office open continuously day and night, and have made the telephone almost as great a necessity as food.

The Banks.

The Bank of British Columbia and the Bank of British North America, chartered institutions, are represented at Victoria, and transact a large business. The managers of both report largely increased transactions, and they anticipate a still greater increase next year.

The only private bank in the province is that of Gareshé, Green & Co. The managing partner (Mr. Green) reports a most gratifying increase in every branch, and looks forward to an improvement next year.

Burrard Inlet Mills.

MOODYVILLE SAW MILL.

On the west side of Burrard Inlet is the Moodyville Saw Mill and Lumber Co., the largest of the kind in the province. The annual cut of the mill is 18,000,000 feet; the capacity is 100,000 feet per day. The product of the mill is shipped to Australia, South America, China and Japan. There are about 100 men employed at the mill, while a much larger number are engaged in the logging camps. Mr. B. Springer is the manager of the mill.

HASTINGS SAW MILL is situated on the east side of Burrard Inlet and has a capacity of 60,000 feet of lumber daily. The output is exported to various foreign ports. A large force of men are employed in the mills and logging camps. Mr. Richard Alexander is the resident manager of the mills.

Towing Co.

In addition to the steamers of Capt. Warren mentioned elsewhere, the powerful steam tug Alexander, owned by Messrs. R. Dunsmuir & Sons, and the tug Pilot, under charter to the same firm, furnish shipowners every security at reasonable rates.

The Fire Department.

This efficient volunteer organization is under the command of Chief Phillips and Assistant Morley. There are two engine companies, four engines, four hose carts, a hook and ladder and a bucket company all in a high state of efficiency.

Postoffices.

During the year just closed 17 new postoffices have been opened in the province, making a total of 81 in operation.

Rates of Wages.

The following may be taken as a fair average of the rates of wages in the various commercial and mechanical lines. In all branches of trade there is a sufficient number of workmen in the field now to supply the present demand, though the various public works being prosecuted in different parts of the province take any new men that offer.

	Per Month.
Dry Goods clerks (ret.)	$70 to $90
Groceries " "	75 to 80
Book-keepers	90 to 100
Blacksmiths	$3 00 to $3 50 per day
" helpers	2 50 "
Carpenters	2 75 to 3 00 "
Machinists	3 50 to 4 00 "
Boiler Makers	3 50 to 4 00 "
Moulders	3 50 to 4 00 "
Painters	2 75 to 3 00 "
Stone Masons	4 00
Upholsterers	3 00 to 3 50 "
Marble Cutters	4 00
Printers	3 50
" (piece work)	45c. per M.
Harness makers	3 00 "
Laborers	2 00 to 2 50 "

There is one feature about Victoria that is probably not to be found in any other part of the Dominion. That is the almost entire immunity from poverty in the city. Almost everyone in the city is to a greater or lesser extent in good circumstances and living in moderate comfort. The Dominion Savings Bank shows a large deposit, and this, we are informed, is chiefly the savings of mechanics. This in itself is a most satisfactory showing, and is a very noteworthy and congratulatory fact.

Real Estate.

Business during the past year has been very active in real estate circles and a large amount of property has changed hands in the city and mainland at good prices. A considerable amount of Victoria property was sold during the summer. Coal Harbour property during the past month has attracted largely the attention of investors, and large sales are reported by real estate agents. Among the principal of these are the firms of Lowenberg, Harris & Co., H. F. Heisterman & Co., Allsop & Mason, E. M. Johnson, Innes & Gravely, Robertson, McLagan & Co., Rand & Lipsett, Croasdaile & Jones, etc. All look forward to an upward tendency in real estate, both on island and mainland, during the coming year.

Agriculture.

There is evidence in every direction that this important branch of industry is now making rapid strides. In New Westminster district a large number of new settlers have selected locations since the Settlement Act became law, and most of these are busily engaged in improving their holdings. Various sections of Vancouver Island have also received many accessions to the farming population. A few years ago the importation of farming implements and machinery was almost nil. In Victoria alone, for 11 months of the year just expired it has amounted to $35,058.

The following table shows the annual increase of these imports since 1882:—

	1882.		1883.		1884.	
	Value.	Duties.	Value.	Duties.	Value.	Duties.
UNITED STATES.	$23,192	6,656 67	$30,230	9,081 95	$13,614	5,542 90
CANADA.	$15,461		$25,881		$29,473	
	$11,653		$56,111		$35,555	

The above exhibit shows the imports for eleven months of the year 1884. Imports at New Westminster and Nanaimo will increase the total to a larger amount than in any preceding year. Manufacturers in the eastern provinces are annually increasing their business with British Columbia. In 1880 Canadian imports under this head amounted only to $5,511, while last year they probably reached $40,000.

Mr. Wm. Ross, local immigration agent at New Westminster reports that 1086 settlers took up land in that district during the year. This represents 173,760 acres. On Vancouver Island since the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway reserve was thrown open in June last, 389 preemption claims were recorded on these lands, and 100 outside of the reserve at the beginning of November, making 489 in all, representing 75,240 acres. In the mainland district above New Westminster eighty-four premption claims had been recorded up to the above date—26,580 acres. Total acerage taken up 275,580; land purchased or applied for under the new land act at $2.50 per acre, 7,598 acres.

From the above record of land sales covering less than a year it may reasonably be assumed that our farming industry is flourishing more than at any previous time, and that in a few years the importation of breadstuffs and other farm produce from Washington Territory, Oregon and California will be greatly diminished, if not entirely stopped.

THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

Full knee-deep lies the winter snow,
And the winter winds are wearily sighing;
Toll ye the church bell sad and slow,
And tread softly and speak low,
For the old year lies a dying.
Old year, you must not die,
You came to us so readily,
You lived with us so steadily;
Old year, you shall not die.

He liveth still, he doth not move;
He will not see the dawn of day,
He hath no other life above;
He gave me a friend and a true, true love,
And the New Year will take 'em away.
Old year, you must not go;
So long as you have been with us
Such joys as you have seen with us:
Old year, you must not go.

He frothed his bumpers to the brim;
A jollier year we shall not see.
But though his eyes are waxing dim,
And though his foes speak ill of him,
He was a friend to me.
Old year, you shall not die;
We did so laugh and cry with you,
I've half a mind to die with you,
Old year, if you must die.

—ALFRED TENNYSON.

EVERY CLOUD HAS SILVER LINING.

Every cloud has silver lining,
Every cloud, however drear;
Sorrow-clouds, like death bells tolling,
Darken many a happy year.
Deep despair the sorrow laden,
Feel in every quivering nerve,
Sadness marks them for its victim,
Yet they ne'er from duty swerve.

Patiently they bear their burden,
Patiently the chastening rod
They endure, and earth's afflictions
Fit them for a life with God.
Thus the way-worn traveller's haven
Is a brightly, joyous home,
Where earth's storm-clouds never lower,
Where sorrows never come.

In that fair and beauteous country,
On that happy golden shore,
Singing songs of love and glory,
Earth-clouds vanish evermore.
Vanish, never reappearing
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jal W. C. SIFFKEN, Secty.

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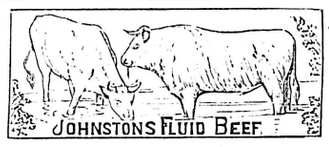

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